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Comments: As a forester with a degree in Forestry and having held several positions in Forest Industry, I wish to add my comments to NW Forest Plan Amendment.

First, please follow the science, including the parts researchers leave out of articles in order to get published in the Science journals, regarding fire, fisheries and forestry practices. Other causes of wildfires other than climate change is just as important. Also, many predictive models of temperature or sedimentation in the literature have been found to be exaggerated.

Second, please consider the suggestions from Dr Jerry Franklin and Dr Gary Johnson to incorporate larger forest openings via regeneration cuts to mimic the natural disturbances of wind and fire on westside forests. This is the concept of a Normal Forest with a full spectrum of succession present.

Thirdly, forest health is becoming a concern of westside Federal forests. With diseased and decadent Old Growth or Mature forests on the westside burning the past several years. If Old Growth or Mature Forest is off limits, intervention cannot take place to make them more resistant. Also, if we do not maintain existing forest roads but instead abandon them, we will not be able to respond to fires as quickly or easily.

Finally, please consider the rural workers and community. They are highly dependent on forest resources and the revenue for wages and many community services. As more and more timber is locked up, the price of lumber continues to go up. We import around one third of our lumber from Canada. They are also struggling to harvest as much timber as the past. Our population continues to grow so how we will be able to house them? Once we lose lumber infrastructure, it will be difficult to get it back.

Thank you for taking my comments.

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