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Here are points to keep in mind to manage forests in the face of climate change.

* Prioritize preserving biodiversity and habitat connectivity. This includes strengthening protections for Northern Spotted Owl, Marbled Murrelet, and other at-risk fish and wildlife species impacted by habitat fragmentation and loss. Preserving biodiversity in the face of climate change also means ensuring habitat resilience from the impacts of wildfire, drought, disease, and insects.

* Conserve and restore mature and old-growth forests. Any amendment to the Plan must recognize and protect the ability of these forests to sequester and store vast amounts of carbon. The Plan left a million acres of mature and old-growth forest open for logging.

* Consider the social and economic benefits that forests provide to local communities including clean water and air, climate resilience, and recreation.

* Consider incorporating Indigenous cultural burning practices.