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Comments: I followed the development of the original Northwest Forest Plan and was pleased to see that it better protected riparian zones, aquatic zones, little known species, and late successional reserves. i commented on many timber projects in the succeeding 25 years and always asked that old growth trees be protected, even if outside of the reserves. I am so pleased that the protection of old growth and mature trees are proposed under the revised plan, for all forests managed by the forest Service. These trees are vitally important as wildlife habitat, whether alive, snags, or fallen into rivers. Their decay rate is slower than younger trees so they have greater value as snags or dead wood. They are also valuable as seed trees and fostering young forests (see book on "the mother tree") Old growth trees and mature trees are aesthetically pleasing and a tremendous recreational resource, as I have seen as a life long hiker and park assistant ranger. Please make protecting these trees a focal point of your new forest plans.