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Comments: US Forest Service,

The 1994 NW Forest Plan that President Clinton became involved with has always needed improvement via the best available science in climate change abatement to avoid cutting mature and old growth forests. Our national forest are one of the only solutions to climate change where humans have complete control.

The trees absorb and store carbon, and when they are cut down, the carbon goes back into the atmosphere, where then our survival is further threatened. The water quality improves, the wildlife, including marbled murrelets, northern spotted owls, salamanders, and salmon, thrive, and multiply when the forests keep growing.

To protect biodiversity in the era of climate change, the amendment must ensure that natural processes are maintained. Thinning and fuel reduction should only be around homes and communities. Otherwise, to protect all old growth and mature trees where the 1994 NWFD did not, commercial logging on our national Forest lands must completely stop.

The amendment must act on the effects of climate change by changing SFS decisions regarding the taking of "burned" trees. Large trees have thick bark that protect them from wildfire. They might look like they are never going to keep growing, but that isn't what big trees do. They keep growing and help save the human species from 120+ degree temperatures in Portland Oregon. Do not cut big trees that look burned!

Thank you,

My name Steve, is on the accompanying document. I am a very concerned US citizen.