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Comments: The original North West Forest Plan was visionary in its design to preserve habitat and species at risk, while maintaining the logging industry. Logging contracted without a steady supply of old growth timber, but the environmental benefits were above expectations. Now it's time for a review and update because circumstances have changed. The logging industry has adapted to second growth harvest and stabilized. We now face imminent extinction of spotted owls and marbled murrelets despite the original plan. Climate change has dramatically increased the value of carbon storage in our forests to the point that storage competes in value with timber harvesting.

A revised plan must deal with these facts. All old growth trees must be protected to preserve endangered species. A standing forest supplies environmental services and carbon storage in values equal or exceeding timber harvesting. Recreation in our national forests adds to the value. So do what's necessary to preserve old trees, endangered species, and climate resilience.