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Comments: Thank you for accepting comment on the Forest Service's proposed amendment to the Northwest Forest Plan. These forests are vital to my well being as a refuge from my noisy neighborhood and busy life. Preserving biodiversity and connected wildlife habitat should be a core principle of the forest plan. This includes not only threatened species, but others that are impacted by the loss and fragmentation of their habitat. The amendment must protect and conserve mature and old-growth trees and forests in both moist and seasonally dry forests. While the NWFP reserved many older forests in 1994, it failed to protect them all.