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Dear Forest Service:

Thank you for accepting this scoping comment in support of the Forest Service's proposed amendment to the Northwest Forest Plan (NFP). The forests of the NFP region are vital to our region, providing cold, clean water for people and wildlife, inspiring places for contemplation and recreation, older forests home to rare species, climate change mitigation, and job opportunities.

It is important to remember the purpose these lands were set aside for. They were intended to preserve the historic activities and human activity that is represented by loggers, hunters, fisherman, and the use of these lands for camping, hiking, and other forest land recreational activities. To limit access, place importance on one user group over another, or restrict activity in under the guise of preserving these lands is unfair and not consistent with the reason these lands were designated. Logging, fishing, hunting, and roads to aid these activities were part of the long term plan for these lands. Don't bow to special interest groups attempting to end logging, hunting, fishing, and access roads that are needed for these activities.

Forrest lands evolve as they mature and the earth changes. Allowing climate extremists to set the tone of these forests use is a disservice to those that set them aside and to those who live near them and use them regularly. Old mature forests are the breeding ground of large forest fires. Removing trees and the associated undergrowth is the very essence of a fire resistant forest.

Sincerely, Chris Jensen

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