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Dear Forest Service:

Thank you for accepting my written support for directions in the Forest Service's proposed amendment to the Northwest Forest Plan (NFP). The forests of the NFP region are pivotal for all who live and work in this region,. Neglect of protecting the forests of this region would affect availability of much needed cold, clean water and lead to a rapid demise of indigenous people and the wildlife essential lfor maintenance of a safe viable ecosystem for their existence as well as the existence of humans

. I am sure by now that you and your staff have become familiar with the research published on the mystery of how forest trees prune their own groves and communicate through their roots. You must be familiar with the and thecritical role that the older growth trees iplay in maintaining the natural order

Please continue to protect and sustain the status of all the forests already identified in1994 but importantly,bnot only those areas, since there were some very extensive forests left out. Include them, despite the more personal interests that some stakeholders lay claim to for their fown interests and financial gain.

Modernization has failed in other instances. The wisdom of paying attention to the horrific effects of global warming is to be expected.as we witness strange and devastating fires such as those in Paradise, CA. Speculation regarding this being orchestrated in behalf of the powerful lobby of the energy sector which has already expressed the desire to buy that land ,(dirt cheap.) This type of forest "management" is forestland decimation through access to hidden manipulation available to support financial interests of various power players, both in the country and the world. We must be very careful to understand the power economics. The amendment should reassess all the conservation strategies to include incorporation of the traditional peoples within Indigenous cultural

Natives so consulting with regional Tribes is not to be ignored. There is corruption everywhere where money can be exchanged for taking positions that favor the few, not the many.

As mentioned, conservation of threatened wildlife already exists in the 1994 NFP and the new amendment should bolster efforts to continue to recover wildlife. To protect biodiversity in the era of climate change, the amendment must ensure incorporation of research on habitat resilience from unexpected dangers of drought, disease, insects and manmade negligence that results in fires. Shifts in our region's socioeconomic landscape since 1994 requires monitoring the abuse of the land by mechanized traffic and regulations to protect the forests from mans ignorance while still encouraging

educational hikes, funding student involvement in restoration along with indigenous knowledge of the land, plants and animals.

We need to think outside the box to ensure citizen involvement toward ecological resilience of our National Forests which will serve to ensure responsible, informed use by the citizens of our country and visitors from other

parts of the world. Diminishing the noise, the irreverence and the disrespect for traditions that preserve the wildlife is essential and must be included.

Thank you for reading my heartfelt response to your wise request to understand what many of us are thinking and seeking. Our public lands, our forests, our waters, our air, and our lives are all irreplaceable and interconnected. wildlife.opportunity to provide comments on the Forest Service's proposed climate-smart amendment to the Northwest Forest Plan.

Sincerely, Dr Deanna Ross

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