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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).

I am a native to the Olympic peninsula and over my lifetime I've seen widespread habitat destruction. Please stop this immediately.

I witnessed the closure of the USFS Falls View campground and then tree cutting under the guise of safety due to pockets of root rot. The cutting left more trees exposed which then created danger trees. Many fell. Which seemed ironic and hypocritical.

Then the restrooms were vandalized, as well as the entrance gate, due to abandonment.

THEN the USFS put a sign asking for public comment on the future of the campground.

Now only a small portion of the campground is open, and new toilets had to be built. It would have made more sense to just close the campground and let nature take its course.

But sense didn't factor into the decision making process evidently. The entire situation was sad to watch unfold and an embarrassment for the federal agency.

Going forward, USFS decisions should change to make habitat the top priority. Wherever humans and nature or animals intersect, nature and animals suffer.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on the Forest Service's proposed climate-smart amendment to the Northwest Forest Plan.

Sincerely,

Andrea Hegland

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