

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/5/2024 5:51:09 PM

First name: Corrie

Last name: Podolak

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I am writing to express my concern about the proposed changes to the Northwest Forest Plan. The original NWFP protected tree stands that were 80 years or older, it would be a huge impact to the old growth forests if that was increased to 120 years year old trees. That would open up 15% more mature forest for logging. This is not smart science in an age of global warming.

Salvage logging in old-growth forests after they've been disturbed by fire is also a poor idea. This would not allow for natural forest recovery following a fire.

The most serious change I see is that old-growth tree stands would be disturbed and altered in the dryer forests of the eastern and southern portions of the management area. All of these changes to the plan would negatively impact the northern spotted owl which is the species that this plan originally was set to protect.

We must be thinking about the survival of our species and all of the species on our planet. Money from logging can't come first, survival of the species needs to be front and center in our plans for the future.