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Comments: To the U.S. Forest Service:

Please use your expertise and influence to preserve and strengthen the Northwest Forest Plan.

As a frequent hiker and bird-watcher in our northwest forests, I value the beauty, recreation, and health benefits of our forests.

Our forests conserve clean air and clean water, safeguard habitat for several species, and sequester carbon. Our protected natural spaces also create much-needed respite from our often-chaotic daily lives.

As you manage our forests and watersheds, please:

- *protect old-growth trees and Late Successional Reserves,
- *preserve a healthy tree canopy,
- *consult with Indigenous stakeholders,
- *incorporate a science-based approach to wildfire, and
- *recognize forested ecosystems as an asset to combat climate change.

In addition, please protect:

- *watersheds, streams, and rivers,
- *roadless areas,
- *designated wilderness areas, and
- *the threatened Spotted Owl.

Thank you.