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Comments: My name is Karen Nyhus. Please accept this comment on the draft EIS for the proposed Northwest Forest Plan amendment.

Any amendment to the Northwest Forest Plan should recognize the wide variety of social and economic benefits National Forests provide for local communities and the region as a whole-not just timber, but also clean water, climate stability, quality of life, and outdoor recreation.

Minnesota harvests timber s so many areas, but timber is not the only economic benefit of forests. Old growth forests must be especially protected and not encroached upon

Thank you for your consideration.

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