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A lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest, I urge you to reject any plan that would weaken the core protections in the Northwest Forest Plan. Indeed, I encourage you to enact strong and expanded protections for our region's forests, wildlife and environment.

That's why I'm submitting this comment on the draft EIS for the proposed Northwest Forest Plan amendment.

Any amendment to the Northwest Forest Plan should reflect 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.

To these ends, the Forest Service must:

- *Strengthen protections for mature and old-growth forests to ensure habitat, water quality, and carbon storage, and recruit more mature and old forests to restore a functional ecosystem.

- *Maintain or expand protections for the network of forest reserves to allow natural processes to flourish, ensure connectivity for wildlife, and support the recovery of imperiled species.

- *Consult in good faith with Tribes, respect their sovereignty, and provide resources to support their full participation in decision-making.

- *Address environmental justice by analyzing impacts on air, water, and communities and ensuring fair, sustainable working conditions.

- *Shift wildfire strategies to prioritize community safety and proven prevention measures over logging.

Please let me know you will adopt a strong forest plan that incorporates modern science and public values, robust and honest tribal consultation, and the needs of future generations.

Thank you.