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Comments: I am writing today to comment on the draft EIS for the proposed Northwest Forest Plan amendment (NWFP).

Any components to the NWFP amendment that weaken core protections for mature and old-growth forest and the suite of water quality, species habitat, and carbon storage values they provide should not move forward.

Those components that strengthen the NWFP's commitment to Tribal sovereignty and inclusion, environmental justice, and beneficial fire use should move forward without being tied to increased logging in these vital forests.

I lived in Oregon at one time and visited some of the magical and vital old growth temperate forests. They are a treasure and also vital to protecting life on earth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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