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Comments: 1. Any changes to the Northwest Forest Plan must safeguard mature and old-growth forests: for forest integrity, biodiversity, and carbon sequestration.

- 2. The amendment would weaken forest protections by redefining "mature" and "old-growth." This would increase logging, putting our legacy forests, fish, wildlife, clean water, and climate at risk.
- 3. The proposed amendment ignores the USFS's duty to protect species listed as threatened and endangered under the Endangered Species Act.
- 4. The proposed amendment fails to prioritize climate change, which is a growing threat to our forests and one of the main reasons for amending the Forest Plan.