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Comments: After visiting the Rogue Valley and residing here part time for several years, I moved here permanently with my husband in 2025. One major reason we love this area is its magnificent old growth forests. Besides their beauty, they provide wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, clean water, shade that cools soils and water bodies, soil stability, wind suppression and moisture retention.

I am dismayed that the Forest Service has proposed an amendment to the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) that would increase logging, especially commercial logging, throughout all these forests, including mature and old-growth forests. Commercial logging can cause landslides and lead to greater dangers of wildfires. These changes are not in the best interests of wildlife, environmental integrity, local economies, and families like mine.