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Comments: I understand there is a proposal to double or triple logging levels in our NW forests. Previously, The 1994 Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP), was a groundbreaking conservation strategy that shifted the focus from logging to restoring mature and old-growth forests in the Pacific Northwest. This plan became a global model for ecosystem recovery, helping imperiled wildlife, safeguarding clean water, and playing a crucial role in climate mitigation by storing carbon. Thanks to the NWFP, the decline of old-growth forests was reversed, offering hope for the region's biodiversity and environmental health.

Since then, the BLM withdrew 2.6 million acres of Western Oregon forests (2016) from the NWFP and returned to aggressive logging practices. Increasing logging here imperils the sustainability of our region, the ecotourism, quality of water, quality of life, wildlife habitat, recreation. Clearcutting and further logging is unacceptable! There are other man-made materials and sustainable resources that could be expanded. Please do not increase logging as proposed.