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Comments: I grew up in Oregon and deeply value the Pacific Northwest forests. I've been hiking and camping in the National Forests for my entire life. As a young adult choosing to live in Oregon and pursue my career here, the public lands and the forests of the Pacific Northwest are part of why I've decided to return to and settle in Oregon.

I'm very troubled by proposed amendments to the Northwest Forest Plan that would increase logging and weaken protections for the forests, water, and wildlife habitat in our region. This would have devastating impacts on our communities, decreasing the safety of our water and reducing the recreational opportunities that support our economy and make the northwest such a beautiful place to live.

I do support the elements of the amendments that support a beneficial fire approach, Indigenous cultural practices, and co-stewardship agreements with the Indigenous tribes of our region. The Forest Service should retain these elements of Alternative B and separate them from the harmful increases in logging.

I support strong protections for our forests and meaningful inclusion of Indigenous communities. I strongly oppose increases in logging.