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Comments: The original PNW forest plan solved some problems, but the world has changed and our understanding of it has increased. Changes to the plan are needed, but the changes proposed - to increase commercial logging, to reduce the amount of old growth, to further degrade the habitat of so many creatures -- including humans by damaging watersheds and decreasing carbon sequestration -- are not the changes we need.

We won't have a second chance to save old growth forest. None of it should be touched. It is precious in and of itself, but the role it plays as habitat and in carbon sequestration is irreplaceable.

Fire danger is not resolved by intensive commercial logging. Maintenance of old growth forest, the most fire-resistant trees, is key. Proper forest management is important, but clear cuts are not the answer.

Critical habitat for many species - both those listed as threatened or endangered but also so many that we have seen decline precipitously in recent years (bumblebees, many birds, many amphibians, and more) - is precious and reducing it limits the choices that future generations will have.

This land is not just for logging and profit. It belongs to ALL Americans. I use the forests every year for recreation and I know they contribute to our water supply - the plan as written will reduce it's value to me, not to mention the many organisms who make PNW forests their home.