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Comments: I am writing to express my outrage that the US Forest Service is proposing to remove existing protections on hundreds of thousands of acres of vital old growth forest. By your own words, the 30 year long protections of the Northwest Forest Plan have been an environmental and ecological success -- so it would be completely asinine to acknowledge a hard earned success and then decide to destroy it. Especially given the urgency of climate change and endangered species decline, to destroy 800,000 acres of crucial mature native forests, is self-destructive. You CANNOT go back after this level of environmental and ecological destruction.

You should use the Northwest Forest Plan's forests as a model of success and EXPAND such protections and stewardship to other public land. The Northwest Forest Plan has safeguarded wildlife, clean water, and carbon storage while providing a global model for landscape-scale conservation. These forests are natural climate solutions, fire-resilient, and critical habitats for wildlife. The proposed changes prioritize commercial logging over longterm ecological health, climate action, and community well-being.

Protecting our forests is your responsibility, US Forest Service. As an American tax payer, I am proud of my tax dollars going to conservation public land and the protection of old growth forests and endangered species. The for-profit greed coming out of the White House NEEDS to be kept in check. Don't make me ashamed to be an American.