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Comments: As someone who deeply appreciates Oregon's forests, I wanted to comment on the proposed amendment to the Northwest Forest plan. First of all, I want to deeply appreciate this forest plan that has been in place. It has allowed Oregon to have these wonderful carbon absorbing forests that in turn benefit our water, air and the vast number of living species that reside in them.

I do not support any amendment that would increase logging on this land. I feel particularly strongly about this when it comes to any further logging in mature forests that remain in Oregon. These are the potential old growth forests of the future and they are extremely fire resilient. We have seen the scarring and longer term consequences of old growth logging and we can not let short sighted greed dictate our actions. Instead we should turn to the tribes for their guidance on healthy forest management as they seem to have a far deeper understanding of how to be good stewards to the land.

Our forests are our treasure and we need them for our well-being, for the well-being of threatened species and for the overall well-being of humanity as we move into a period of accelerated climate change and disasters.

Thank you for welcoming public input into this process.