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Comments: I am writing to ask you to reconsider the Northwest Forest Plan Amendment #64745.

Our national forests belong to all US citizens and we deserve to have a USFS maintain them in a way that protects old growth, watersheds, wildlife, air and more. Allowing the cutting of old growth is extremely egregious, selfish, and profit driven. In the long run, we all lose. For decades, we have protected these lands and they need to remain protected for future generations.

Attending Oregon State University and working for the Department of Fisheries, I learned the importance of keeping protections in place against clear cutting too much forest and allowing old growth cutting. The effects are detrimental to water, fish populations, people and our beautiful places that contribute to the economic stability in the Pacific Northwest and the US. If you ever visited the East Coast and Midwest, you can see the effects of short term planning that impacts the lives now and in the future. We owe our grandkids a clean world.

Again, I respectfully ask that you take a long term approach to management which will help protect the land from degradation, including potentially destructive fires by maintaining healthy ecosystems. Killing off species for greed is the worst type of management.