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I urge your support for strengthening the Northwest Forest Plan by increasing the protections it provides for mature and old-growth forests. The Northwest Forest Plan is an effective policy that is helping to address climate change and providing additional habitat needed to recover the threatened Northern Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet.

Prioritize enhanced protections for the region's mature and old-growth forests.

Adopt a modified version of Alternative C that provides added protection for mature forests essential to restore sufficient habitat. Increase buffers for forest management activities around Marbled Murrelet nests.

Do not promote increased logging of mature forests.

Address the extinction risk facing the Northern Spotted Owl and the Marbled Murrelet population. Habitat protections of the Northwest Forest Plan be maintained and built upon, not weakened or watered down.

Thank you for considering these critical issues. Please protect mature and old-growth forests to preserve biodiversity, fight climate change, and ensure the recovery of vulnerable bird species.