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Comments: The forests in our country are probably the thing I feel most patriotic about, and for that reason I must oppose the proposed amendment to the Northwest Forest Plan. We have the most incredible nature compared to other countries- and we have so much of it! I believe it is a HUGE mistake to threaten that natural beauty and increase logging on old-growth forest. This decision is not something that is easily reversable, these forests take hundreds of years to develop and so many animals and people rely on the ecosystem services from these forests. This would also create loopholes that can be used by logging companies to threaten many other forests. Decisions like these should be treated with immense care and science-based evidence, and as an early-career forest ecologist the evidence does NOT support logging old-growth and mature forests! This is one of the most critical ecosystems we possess, and I beg you to not move forward with this amendment.