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Comments: To the Forest Service inviting comments: I recently learned about proposed changes to the Northwest Forest Plan. I am deeply concerned that these changes will severely impact the rich biodiversity that ensures healthy forests. As you in the Forest Service know well: a forest is EVERYTHING that lives in a forest. This richness of relations -especially in old growth forests- is what ensures clean water and habitat for myriads of species of wildlife. An aging forest is so much more than just trees, or a resource to be plundered thru clearcutting. In my own life, I have found great solace especially after losing a loved one by spending time in the cathedrals of nature. I urge you to do everything you can to protect what little remains of the once mighty forests that covered America. For all of us and for future generations of children and their children's children. Please strengthen, not weaken the protections of these precious landscapes.

Sincerely, David Peters