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Comments: I request the Forest Service Plan continues to protect forests of mature and old growth trees. These forests provide habitat critical for endangered species as well as clean drinking water for many people. The value of these forests is much greater than the the value of the timber which would be harvested. Ecotourism is a growing industry which helps rural economies. Destroying the old trees would significantly impact the recreational and spiritual opportunities which these trees provide. In addition to the above benefits, forests of mature and old growth trees are a major factor in carbon storage. The forests of the Northwest play an important role in the storing of carbon world wide. For the above reasons I am asking you to reject the amendments which would allow harvesting of mature and old growth trees. I support the inclusion of Native Americans in developing amendments to the plan.

Thankyou,

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