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Comments: I am an 85-year-old hiker and native plant enthusiast. As you consider amendments to the Northwest Forest Plan, this is what is important to me.

Please retain the measures for Tribal inclusion. They were living with these forests for thousands of years and have much wisdom about forest management to share.

I am NOT in favor of increased logging in mature forests. The difference between mature/old growth and young/plantation forests is evident to hikers. Old forests are simply more beautiful, with a greater diversity of plants and fewer invasive species. The benefit they provide for water quality, air quality and wildlife are HUGE.

The most important benefit our older forests provide is carbon sequestration. It would be extremely short-sighted to lose this in our current climate emergency. I have four grandchildren, and I desperately want them to inherit a livable planet.

I know the current administration would like to cut all the forests down and sell (for cheap) the resulting clearcut mess. This is not what most people who live in the Pacific Northwest want!