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Comments: Dear USFS, I urge you to not open up more forest land for logging given proposed changes in the NWF Plan Amendment. As a private forest land owner and strong supporter of healthy forest practices providing resistance against climate change, please do not increase the deleterious clear cutting practices so widely used, with monoculture Douglas Fir plantings, which are now less able to withstand warming temperatures and more prone to forest fires. We need to maintain more diverse, multi-aged forests to sustain our world. USFS has improved local practices up the McKenzie River Valley by not clear cutting large areas, leaving Mother trees, putting fallen trees back into waterways creating healthier habitat for salmon, bull trout, etc. Our State has saved precious old growth areas such as the Willamette Forest, Three sisters Wilderness area, the Elliot, Mt Hood, Jefferson Wilderness areas, and we need to continue with these practices. Clear cutting is not going to save us from further forest fires, but the USFS's recent practices to secure our precious forest lands have improved immensely. Let us not lose our precious forest today - they are the lungs of our future.