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Comments: To Regional Foresters Jacque Buchanan and Jennifer Eberlien:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Northwest Forest Plan amendment.

I frequently visit National Forests managed under the Northwest Forest Plan. They are a refuge for human visitors and for the incredible biodiversity that they sustain.

The original Northwest Forest Plan was intended to last 100 years. To be custodians of this plan and provide protection for this incredible resource of solace for people and refuge for our diminishing biodiversity we must repair the plan's shortcomings and not allow it to be further degraded. None of the alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) are good enough to uphold that legacy.

The Forest Service should retain all of the Tribal inclusion plan components that are in Alternative B, but uncouple them from the forest management components that allow older trees and forests to be logged.

Preserving biodiversity and connected wildlife habitat across the region should be a core principle of this forest plan amendment. This includes not only threatened species, but others that have been impacted by the loss and fragmentation of their habitat, and those awaiting state and/or federal Endangered Species Act listing decisions.

The amendment should recognize the wide variety of social and economic benefits National Forests provide for local communities and the region as a whole - not just timber, but also clean water, climate stability, quality of life, and outdoor recreation. The amendment should also recognize that trees and plants in intact forests are part of the water cycle and through releasing terpenes and evapotranspiration produce rain and also store ground water, both important in combating drought and fire.