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Comments: I encourage forest managers of our National Forests to protect the few remaining old growth forests from logging for a myriad of reasons, including preserving the magnificence of an old growth forest habitat, for the flora and fauna found nowhere else, to protect irreplaceable natural variety of tree species that cannot be replaced by replanting after logging, by protecting the watershed for salmon and other fish and animals, to fight global warming by preserving the carbon sink of the forests, and most importantly, saving what little remnants are left of the old growth that remains for our children and their children to experience what a natural, unlogged forest is/was before infuriating logging destroyed the vast forests that once graced our country. If growth is irreplaceable and must be preserved. Let our logging occur in forests that have already been logged and replanted, not in pristine old growth that is so precious.

The premises behind the examination of amendments was flawed. The described action alternatives will increase the threat to endangered species, while offering no additional benefit in such areas as fire suppression or community economies. More logging of mature forests will threaten, not protect, old-growth forests. The only appropriate step is to end the analysis of any alternatives now; abandon the general amendment process, and allow the individual Districts to implement appropriate, scientifically based management programs to achieve the goals of the NWFP.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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