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Comments: I oppose the new proposed amendment to the Northwest Forest Plan that prioritizes and accelerates logging, putting our forests, fish, wildlife, clean water, and climate at risk. Alternative B (the Proposed Alternative) and the Alternative D options in the Draft EIS would extend the threshold on logging from 80 year stands to 120 in moist forest and 150 in dry forest. This is unacceptable. The DEIS relies on flawed justification that logging and thinning in mature west-side moist forests will reduce fire risk. Current scientific evidence refutes this. The best way to minimize fire risk and increase climate resiliency is to let moist forests grow and develop canopy closure. Fire management only needs to occur within the fire danger or "ignition zone" near at-risk communities and other human infrastructure. The most effective way to reduce the threat of wildfire to communities is to treat fuels in the immediate vicinity of homes, buildings and other vulnerable infrastructure.

I urge the U.S. Forest Service to retain the threshold on logging at 80 years.