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Comments: Your updated forest plan needs to be redrawn. There are many areas that I take issue with. I will start with what I approve of. Your coalition with native Americans is good. However, the emphasis on logging and clearing is not what is needed for our forests.

We need first to protect the forests and all the species that are dependent on them. Especially in the northwest the murrelet, spotted owls and flying squirrels. Along with many others that are rare and declining. This should be a first.

There need to be longer forest rotations and protections for old growth and mature and late succession forests. There needs to be a system for adding to these forests. Young growing into old as per natural processes.

Plantation forests are not the answer. These forests are known to burn more readily. The pretenses of fire management masquerading as logging do not hold water. Study after study shows the resilience of older forests, especially in the wetter siuslaw forests. If anything should treat forests near towns and residential areas. Protect the intact forests. I am a survivor of a wildfire in the coast range. Started by a power company and fanned by climate change drought and winds. But logging would not have been the answer!! More protection needs to be in the plan rather than "so called logging for fire protection ".

Your plan needs to include complexity and clean water, carbon uptake (although now not acceptable to discuss, but truly important). Clean water needs to be a primary concern.

The forest service prioritized logging for many years. At the expense of everything and everyone else. It needed to stop. Great progress has been made in the years since the NWFP. We need to listen to the forest biologists, fire experts and scientists. Do not prioritize logging. It leads to a path of ruin and destruction.

As someone who lived through my forest burning, I can tell you that you don't know what you had until it is gone. Your changes spell the way to destruction for the forests, clean water, people and the wildlife and plants of the forests.

I urge you to go back to work and produce options that will be workable in the future and that we can look back on and agree that they weren't positive for everything and everyone. And the earth.