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Comments: To Whom it May Concern:

I am fully in favor of supporting the Northwest Forest Plan Amendment #64745. It is crucial to maintain and sustain what old growth forests we have. I am horrified that the USFS's 2024 DEIS includes provisions not only to open 800,000 acres of mature and older forests to logging, but that they propose to "PERMANENTLY LOCK EXISTING FOREST STANDS OUT OF POTENTIAL PROTECTION." That is irrational and unreasonable. We need our forests to sequester greater amounts of carbon than younger trees do; to safeguard wildlife; to prevent the kind of flooding and mudslides that occur in areas that are logged or roaded; to resist fire; to protect clean drinking water and protect threatened species.

I support keeping the current Northwest Forest Plan in place; keeping an emphasis on natural processes in place; including tribal input into planning and decision-making; but allowing for logging of younger forest-types species. This is our precious Earth. There is no Planet B!

Thank you for your consideration.