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Comments: Increasing logging on our public lands will increase the negative effects of climate change and make our forests less resilient. This has been demonstrated by numerous studies including the agency's own analysis. Further, it increases potential for damage from fire.

We should protect old growth and mature forests from commercial logging and take additional conservation measures to protect these forests by placing limits on agency discretion and on the influence of commercial logging interests.

The original NWFP was intended to be a 100-year plan and the amendments as proposed are inconsistent with the intent of the plan. Actually, we should strengthen protections for the Northern Spotted Owl as well as the multitude of creatures and botanical species that have been impacted by climate change, development and resource extraction. Connectivity Corridors are important for strengthening the resiliency of wildlife.

I believe that it is in the interest of all citizens and our country as a whole for the Forest Service to create a conservation alternative that offers better protections for the forests, especially mature and old-growth, wildlife habitat, carbon reserves, and forest reserves.

I live adjacent to public land and would encourage fuel reduction near communities. However, fuel reduction is not commercial logging and should not masquerade as such. Commercial logging increases our fire risk and destroys habitat. Community involvement is key.

Late successional reserves should not be commercially logged. We should eliminate required "Probable Sale Quantity". Salvage logging is often disguised commercial logging.

Grazing allotments should be tracked, monitored for compliance and eliminated when rules are not observed or payments are in arrears.

Logging should be prohibited in riparian areas. We should introduce beavers back to our lands since they slow down the movement of water across the landscape and make our lands more productive and livable for all species.

It's important to reduce new road construction, both temporary and permanent.

We live in a time when we can act to protect and preserve the environment that we all rely upon to live healthy productive lives. Or we can disregard what science tells us and what we know to be true and try to make more money. I choose protection and respect for the environment, and I urge you to do the same by modifying or eliminating this proposed change.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.