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Comments: The Forest Service must reject plans to weaken core protections of the Northwest Forest Plan. Maintaining and expanding protection for forest reserves is critical to preserving biodiversity, clean water, and the long-term climate benefits our forests provide. Strong conservation protections of DEIS that preserve the ecological, cultural, and climate values of the Pacific Northwest's forests must be retained and built upon not diminished. Let's learn from our past mistakes - if you open up land to be logged, developed, or otherwise, it absolutely will be and we won't get this land or the resources back, nor will the species that call it home. It takes but a minute to see what has happened with the Klamath River project and all of the effort that has gone into the project that is now threatened by the Trump administration. Please, reconsider this plan, we must strengthen, not weaken our forest protection efforts.

Sincerely,

**Rick Landers**