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Comments: Please reject Alternative B (the Proposed Alternative) and Alternative D in the Draft Northwest Forest Plan EIS. These alternatives would extend logging from 80 year stands to 120 year stands in moist forest and 150 year stands in dry forest. Wildfires can be much more effectively reduced by reducing fuels in the immediate vicinity of homes and other buildings, not wholesale logging of older forests for the unsustainable short-term benefit of logging interests. Logging forests over 80 years old could also worsen wildfires because they have climate stabilizing benefits.

Forests over 80 years old are valuable, especially old-growth forests for the many imperiled species that depend on old-growth habitat for survival. We also need it to protect our collective interest in clean air, drinkable water, and the climate stabilizing benefits forests provide by storing and sequestering vast amounts of carbon.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment!