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As a California resident and avid outdoor user of the National forests, I strongly oppose the actions in the proposed amendment to the Northwest Forest Plan, which would increase logging in our mature and old-growth forests. The proposed changes would weaken core environmental protections for our forests and create loopholes to allow logging in places meant to protect wildlife.

Our national forests are not a crop to be salvage logged or clear cut without very very careful attention to the environmental impacts of the logging, roads, and removal of old growth forest. Allowing more than 800,000 acres to be logged in these 17 national forests would further threaten wildlife, negatively impact water quality and fisheries, and destroy some of our country's oldest stands of trees.

There are much better approaches to manage our forests, and improve the environment as well as provide recreation and economic activity through hiking, birdwatching, river trips, nature access and many activities which benefit the forest as well as the citizens of the United States. Please offer another alternative to strengthen protections for our mature and old-growth forests, not open them up to more commercial logging. Once destroyed, these gifts to us, for our stewardship for the future, cannot be replaced. There are plenty of national forest areas that have already been destroyed and which can be responsibly and sustainably managed for scientifically sound timber production.

Please register my opposition to this proposed amendment #64745.