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Comments: I have hiked, fished, foraged, recreated, watched wildlife and participated in forest renewal projects in Pacific Northwest forests for the past 40 years. Our forests provide for clean water, critical wildlife habitat, human mental and physical health, and carbon sequestration at a very significant scale, and we have the potential to do all this ever better through a responsible revision of the Northwest Forest Plan. Unfortunately, the DEIS for the revised Northwest Forest Plan proposes several entirely unacceptable amendments that take us backwards--weakening cherished and scientifically supported protections for our mature native forests.

Please discard Alternatives B and D and any proposals for expansion of logging in mature and old-growth forests; protecting these forest systems is a critical key to climate resilience, clean water, reducing wildfire risk and protecting several critically imperiled species. We should maintain or expand protections for the network of forest reserves, jettison the thoroughly-debunked strategy of logging mature forests for fire safety and limit fire management activities to the WUI, expand opportunities for high-return economic activities like quiet recreation, and recommit to habitat conservation for the benefit of fish, wildlife and the generations of humans yet to come.

Y'all can do better. Please let the EIS reflect strong conservation protections not found in the DEIS and preserve the critical habitat value of the Pacific Northwest's forests.