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Comments: We oppose 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.

The current forest plan has kept towering Douglas firs, western red cedars, western hemlock, and Sitka spruce standing tall. Allowing more than 800,000 acres to be logged in these 17 national forests would further threaten wildlife and destroy some of our country's oldest stands of trees.

Please offer another alternative to strengthen protections for our mature and old-growth forests, not open them up to more commercial logging.

Respectfully,

Caleb Merendino