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Comments: I live on the Olympic Peninsula above Hood Canal and am fortunate to be able to hike up into the splendor of the National Forest from my home. The forest is also home to a diverse population of plants and animals that keep the ecosystem in balance , while sequestering carbon and providing we humans with an essential connection to nature. The updates to the 1994 Northwest Forest plan all sound good EXCEPT increasing the allowable harvest age of timber in a moist forest from 80 to 120 years. It is essential that we nurture our older growth trees. There is plenty of timber being harvested out here from state and private land; believe me, I can encounter a dozen loaded trucks on 101 just driving over the hill to Quilcene. By treating our National forest lands as a commodity, we negate the connection to our truest nature as human beings. Thank you for protecting our forests.