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Comments: I am writing in opposition to the proposed amendments to the Northwest Forest plan. Old growth forests such as those protected by the current Northwest Forest plan need at least a century to regenerate and develop the complex ecosystems that sustain the biodiversity that Oregon is known for, and to create the carbon capture capacities that are unique to old growth forests.

The Pacific Northwest's old, complex, beautiful forests are a key part of what make our region unique. They're what draw people to live here. Aggressively logging these forests to the degree proposed in these amendments would ruin their character and damage what makes this area unique. I strongly oppose the proposed amendments.