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Comments: Dear project official,

Thank you for your work, and for the opportunity to give public comment on the Northwest Forest Plan amendment process.

Our decisions and actions now will have a significant impact on the future. Wonderful that over its first 30 years, the plan has had the additional benefit of boosting progress toward carbon reduction goals as management choices result in retention of the old growth and mature forest critical to carbon sequestration and storage at scale (USFS Pacific Northwest Research Station, Watts et al. 2017).

Going forward, the only alternatives that should be considered in this amendment process are those that maintain and expand protections for old growth and complex mature forest through measures like the Late Successional Reserve designation and Aquatic Conservation Strategy. I support a modified Alternative B (B+) to better recruit old forests, burn dry forests, improve habitat connectivity, protect aquatic ecosystems, and restore old forests in Reserves.

Please prioritize climate change adaptation in your forest planning. It can harmonize with other priorities and improve the world for generations to come.

I also hope you'll call on tribal wisdom and collaboration in the process.

Thank you for your attention, and for all you do for the forests and people of the PNW.