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Comments: The Northwest Forest Plan has both conserved and recovered vital habitat for endangered species, protected clean drinking water supplies, and stored vast quantities of carbon from the atmosphere. In amending the plan, it is crucial that these environmental and economic benefits not be lost. People's fear of wildfire must not be exploited to increase the logging of mature forests. These forests are already fire resistant and resilient; they must be protected and existing established stands must be allowed to mature. The Northwest Forest Plan should incorporate Traditional Ecological Knowledge, drawing on Tribal involvement, and address environmental justice concerns. The plan must build on past success to preserve and advance ecological protections in our national forests. These forests belong to the American people, not to profit-seeking timber companies. They are our current environment, and our future. We need strong protects for mature and old-growth forests, and the habitat, water quality, and carbon storage values such forests provide.