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Comments: I am writing to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** the proposed amendments to the Northwest Forest Plan that would, among other things, open over 800,000 acres of mature forests to commercial logging.

Our Oregon forests are more important than ever as summer temperatures reach record breaking heights and as wildfires ravage our State's beloved forests. Now more than ever we need the gifts of cooling, oxygen producing and carbon storage benefits of mature and old growth forests.

Clearly, mature forests help mitigate climate change by storing vast amounts of carbon. In contrast, logging releases carbon into our already dangerously warming atmosphere. It is my personal belief that any future logging in Oregon should be **REDUCED** to offset the losses caused by wildfires, especially since 2020.

I wholeheartedly support the NWFP established approximately 30 years ago. This earlier plan recognizes Mature and old growth forests' importance in maintaining healthy streams and rivers that are essential habitat for our declining salmon populations.

We need to incorporate traditional ecological knowledge in maintaining healthy, fire resilient forests. Tribal knowledge and tribal sovereignty are essential elements for NWFP success going forward

As a grandmother, I understand the deep and vital relationship we have with our forests and rivers and all the animals who live here. My grandchildren have grown up camping, hiking and loving our natural world. Please, let us preserve this environment for their children and all future generations

Thank you for your consideration