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Comments: For 30 years, the Northwest Forest Plan has safeguarded our region's iconic old-growth forests, clean water, and wildlife. The current forest plan has kept towering Douglas firs, western red cedars, western hemlock, and Sitka spruce and their ecological food web intact.

The Forest Service's proposed changes in Northwest Forest Plan Amendment #64745 threaten to reverse decades of progress at a time when these protections are more critical than ever. These forests are irreplaceable and this nearsighted money grab is not a sustainable solution.

Allowing more than 800,000 acres to be logged in these 17 national forests has a ripple effect that will impact hundreds of plant and animal species and eventually us humans who are causing the destruction.

The forests deserve another alternative, to strengthen protections for our mature and old-growth forests, not open them up to more commercial logging.

We owe it to future generations to make a better decision than these proposed changes.