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Dear U.S. Forest Service,

As an Oregonian deeply connected to our state's natural beauty, I write to express strong concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the Northwest Forest Plan. These amendments risk undermining our efforts to protect invaluable forests and ensure their long-term health and resilience, by adhering to outdated paradigms of forest management. We must move beyond a purely utilitarian view of our forests.

Oregon's forests are not merely timber resources. They provide essential ecosystem services: clean water and air, diverse wildlife habitats, and crucial carbon sequestration. These forests are vital for our communities, economies, and overall quality of life, possessing value beyond their extractive potential.

I urge the Forest Service to reconsider these amendments and prioritize the long-term health of our forests through a more holistic approach. We must strengthen, not weaken, protections for mature and old-growth forests, endangered species, and the overall ecological integrity of our region.

Thank you for your attention to these critical concerns.

Sincerely,

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