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Comments: I view with great concern the possible alternatives being considered as changes to the Northwest Forest Plan Amendment #64745. This is an integral part of the land management for species covered by the Endangered Species Act and should not be considered in isolation, as is particularly done in alternative D. Decisions should be linked to peer-reviewed studies of population trends.

Contiguous parcels of natural, well-established forest are required for many imperiled species of concern to survive and thrive for the benefit of the whole ecosystem, including future generations of humans. Alternatives B,C and D will not protect such areas as may have already been judiciously preserved.