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To Regional Foresters Jacque Buchanan and Jennifer Eberlien:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Northwest Forest Plan amendment.

National Forests managed under the Northwest Forest Plan are a priceless resource for all of us. As a physician, I understand that human health, climate health and forest health are closely linked.

The original Northwest Forest Plan was intended to last 100 years. To be good stewards of that effort we must repair its shortcomings and not allow it to be degraded.

The Forest Service should retain the Tribal inclusion plan components, but uncouple them from the forest management components that allow older trees and forests to be logged.

Preserving biodiversity and connected wildlife habitat across the region should be a core principle of this forest plan amendment.

The amendment should recognize the wide variety of social and economic benefits National Forests provide for local communities and the region as a whole - not just timber, but also clean water, climate stability, quality of life, and outdoor recreation.

Fire resistance and resilience can be enhanced by preserving and restoring mature and old-growth forests.

The Forest Service must reject plans to weaken core protections of the Northwest Forest Plan.

A strong forest plan must incorporate modern science and public values, robust and honest Tribal consultation, and the needs of future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.