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Comments: The Forest Service has released a proposal to weaken the NWFP. The NWFP has helped safeguard many publicly held old growth and mature forests which store more carbon than young plantations and are some of most carbon rich forests in the world.

Instead of the alternative proposals, which aim to cut more of these important old growth and mature forests, we strongly favor Alternative A, retaining current protections. We would actually like to see ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS for these vital forests since they help to alleviate climate change, which is probably the most vital issue threatening our very existence going forward.