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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I am very concerned about latest draft of the Northwest Forest Plan. One of my concerns is that the current draft will increase logging and turn mature forests, one of our most powerful climate solutions, into a source of additional carbon emissions that will exacerbate climate change. Also, it fails to offer any measures to ensure protection of crucial habitat for spotted owls and murrelets. As proposed, the amendment will delay or prevent recovery of the spotted owl.

One of the most disturbing parts of this plan is that our Forest Service, which should be carefully considering how to best make the Northwest Forest Plan work for commercial logging and the environment is clearly taking the side of logging and profits. Hopefully, you will rework the Northwest Forest Plan to address my concerns.