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Comments: I strongly oppose several proposed changes to the Northwest Forest Plan:

- Increasing the age of young forests from 80 to 120 years old. Forests between 80 and 120 years old have significant structural complexity and offer critical ecosystem services we should not be sacrificing in the name of board feet (and profit for Green Diamond).
- Allowing logging in moist LSR areas for species that rely on early seral stands. There are plenty of early seral stands in the endless acres of clearcuts our region boasts.
- Switching from Stand Age to Established By dates for forest stands. Even old forest stands which have experienced significant natural disturbance are rich ecosystems worth protecting.

We should not be prioritizing timber volume targets over ecosystem health; the whole world relies upon our rich rainforests as part of the biosphere to which we all belong.

Indigenous peoples have lived on these lands for time immemorial, and we are compelled to follow their wisdom both by common sense and by treaty obligations. I support all the tribal inclusion components presented in each of the action alternatives in the draft EIS, and encourage the Forest Service to advance more tribal involvement in its management plans.