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Comments: I would like to write and request that the only amendments to this plan would ensure and enhance/expand ongoing protections for our old growth and complex mature forests. I would like to see more of our legacy forests included in these protections as well. I would like to make sure that forest and aquatic habitats are protected and improved, especially as they are critical for the restoration of our salmon and the continuance of other species.

Adding in a climate change component is critical as we watch sea levels rise and increased flooding. We are witnessing increasing wildfires both in frequency and severity of damage. Any amendments also need to prioritize species and habitat resilience with current and accurate science and in consideration of the impacts on whole ecological networks and systems.

Always, genuine Tribal consultation must be honored and co-stewardship practices, making sure to include and apply their knowledge and cultural practices. There is also the need to identify, honor and protect sacred sites.

We need to ramp up protections and deepen commitments to combatting climate change, fending off the destruction of ecological systems in the name of profit, stopping the wanton disregard for non-human life that we share this planet with.