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Comments: When I recently read that the NW forest plan was being changed I knew I must at least write a few sentences...in favor of protecting all that is deemed old growth (for a start). There is Nothing Equal to an Old Growth forest, and their decades/ centuries of growth need protection as surely as our waters and rivers. Trees surely inspire-- as majestic beings they are beyond cheap sentimentality; their destruction brings an irreplaceable permanence.

Please do not expand logging, either; I continue to be shocked at what lies on the other side of increasing 'beauty strips'-- the logging seems to suggest there are no other alternatives for development, when in fact, other places can be considered. (I wonder of the effect of 'greed' or even 'is cheaper' on our society)

Also, as someone who has watched our resident Orca decline due to far less salmon now available, please consider ways to protect and increase salmon numbers as an ongoing part of the plan. I appreciate the positive effect for fish, et al, due to the Elwa Dam removal.

Please, do all possible to protect, sustain, and build up/ encourage-as-needed our amazing biodiversity here in the beautiful Pacific NW. It is precious life-- not just a 'human resource' but a home for many creatures and a gift to be guarded on this earth. Thank you!