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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to all of the proposed amendments to the North West Forest Plan.

The original Plan has been working well through the years. National Forests belong to all of the citizens, not just the extractive companies and corporations.

The founding idea of "multiple use management" must now be viewed through the lens of climate change and species extinction that are now facing all of us. True forests are not just tree plantations for lumber. True forests are diverse networks of interconnected ecological systems that are mutually self sustaining. Our forests need to be seen as valuable carbon storage reserves and species habitat.

I live along a creek in the Coast Range. When the first rains return after the dry summer, I walk down to the creek to watch and count the returning salmon which will spawn and die. These salmon bring ocean derived nutrients back to the forests. Our coastal forests need the nitrogen that is brought to them from the ocean for their growth and health. In reciprocity, the forests provide clean and cool water for the salmon which maintains their populations! This is a truly beautiful mutually dependent relationship, which is just one example of the untold and still undiscovered ecologically symbiotic relationships that makes up the forest. This type of co-evolution that has been evolving through time is a natural and priceless wonder!

Our forests need less road building and less logging. We all need to act in ways that will not harm future generations and other species.

This is why we should leave the original North West Forest Plan as it is now, without amending it.

Thank you.