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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose the proposed action alternatives (B, C, and D) to the Northwest Forest Plan. They weaken protections for mature and old-growth forests and thereby harm future generations' ability to address escalating climate change and biodiversity loss. I have lived 40 years in Oregon as a career biologist, teacher, past National Park Service Naturalist, and National Audubon Society Lecturer. I helped halt rampant road building for corporate logging of our NW forests and protected endangered species like spotted owl, marbled murrelet, and their old growth ecosystems. It seems we are again trying to save OUR Public Forests from plunder for profit!

As a biologist and photographer I've spent many years in our National Forests, including the Siuslaw, Rogue-River Siskiyou, and Elk River Watershed. I love to hike and camp, enjoy wildlife and the beauty and inspiration of nature. Outdoor education is a major focus of my career as biologist, teacher, and naturalist with groups, children to elder hostel, in my communities and for my country. Habitat destruction, water contamination, diminished riparian, and loss of mature and old growth forests and biodiversity in National Forests violates my interests in preserving these lands for wildlife, recreation, conservation, science, and future planetary health. Let's prioritize protecting all mature and old growth forests for future generations that face increasing threats from climate change and biodiversity loss. Older forests are valuable carbon sinks and very complex ecosystems. Generations ahead need standing old forests. That is THE MAIN priority!! Not expanding logging! The Forest Service working for people, not for profit.

I own land in Cascade Head Scenic Research Area (CHSRC) and impacts to Siuslaw NF from alternatives (B,C, and D) represent a clear injury to my property by reducing ecological, aesthetic, and economic value. CHSRC was formed, "to provide present and future generations with the use and enjoyment of certain ocean headlands, rivers, streams, estuaries and forested areas, to ensure the protection, the study of a significant areas for research and scientific purposes and to promote a more sensitive relationship between people and their adjacent environment." Impacts from Siuslaw NF are a major concern to the Salmon River Estuary and entire watershed. Changes to the NWFP endanger ESA-listed species and contradict the National Forest Management Act. My concerns include any decline of water quality in Crowley Creek watershed, impacting my water rights.

Currently I live on the Southern Oregon Coast, where the future of our rural economy depends on developing sustainable industries. We need management that safeguards the rights of future generations to healthy public land, with thriving ecosystems that provide ecological services and steward biodiversity, clean air and water, and hand to future generations a living planet! Tribal inclusion is also very important, and should not be paired with the environmental deregulation of the proposed amendments. Furthermore, the Forest Service should do a NEPA review of its fire program and utilize proven non extractive wildfire prevention methods. ??

The Forest Service should reject the proposed action alternatives (B, C, and D). Any amendment must maintain or strengthen the existing NWFP to uphold the Public Trust Doctrine. I would like to see an Act of Congress to protect Old Growth, and some form of the Roadless Rule considered by the Forest Service.

Thank you for considering these comments,

?Janet J. Rogers?