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Comments: I implore the USFS to strengthen the Northwest Forest Plan and existing amendments by continuing to focus on conservation rather than weakening the NWFP by shifting toward extraction. Our forests, especially mature and old growth, have value greater than the simple economics of timber harvesting. Almost immeasurable are the benefits of carbon sequestration, water recycling, and recreation.

I've live near our northwest forests my entire life. My greatest memories are rooted in my experiences there. Hunting with my dad, hiking solo or with family and friends, camping, backpacking, or just driving our forest roads are all ways I use the forests. We need to preserve these forests for future generations to do the same. With additional input from our Native American stakeholders, we can make the NWFP even better.

Thank you,

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