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Comments: Thank you for soliciting comments on the Northwest Forest Plan Amendment Alternatives. With the current housing shortage the US is experiencing, I can understand the emphasis on greater logging and the "predictability of timber outputs". However, given the even more pressing problems of increased droughts, storms and heightened temperatures caused by climate change, I think we need to be much more frugal with our cutting of trees, which do a great deal to buffer these problems. The logging of near to old growth trees of 80-120 years in age seems a particularly bad idea, as we will need the services of old growth trees which are most effective in providing that buffering. I also question the wisdom of increased logging of drier land forests east of the Cascade Crest, which will eliminate wildlife habitat, emit greenhouse gases and may increase fire hazards.

Greater involvement of native tribes in forest management is a good idea that may help us get beyond our current management paradigms. I hope the idea of eliminating rare species survey requirements before logging is dropped. It might save money, but, with the current loss of species, it has no place in forest planning.

In looking over the alternatives I support Alternative A, retaining the current Northwest Forest Plan with the addition of greater tribal involvement. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this plan.