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Comments: To whom this may concern:

I have many concerns about this plan. First, this will further decrease the Northern Spotted Owl population, which is on the federal Endangered Species Act, due to habitat loss. This species cannot thrive with MORE logging in the area it's known to live.

Second, this plan will not protect mature and old-growth forests, it will in fact, put these forests at risk. Old-growth forests are biodiversity hotspots, they shelter and protect sensitive species, and absorb stormwater, and release it back as clean water. Living in the Pacific Northwest, where we have plenty of stormwater, these trees are instrumental in providing not only the surrounding area, but an even larger area clean drinking water.

I am an avid hiker and backpacker, who frequently sees the beauty and value the forests in the PNW provide. There have to be better solutions than to go after these old-growth forests. There is so much knowledge in land management from those native to the area, who have had far better solutions than to log these mature forests.

Thank you for your time.