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To whom it may concern,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Tobias Probst, and I am a resident of the Pacific Northwes. I have always cherished the opportunities for recreation in our stunning natural forests, which is why I am writing to express my concerns regarding some of the proposed changes to the Northwest Forest Plan.

I urge you to consider the following points:

- 1. **Protection of Mature and Old-Growth Forests**: It is vital to ensure the preservation of our mature and old-growth forests. Raising logging limits to 120-150 years would be detrimental to these irreplaceable ecosystems.
- 2. **Wildlife Conservation**: The Northern Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet are species in need of protection. Please prioritize their habitats in your management plans.
- 3. **Climate Change and Wildfire Risk**: Intact forests play a crucial role in combating climate change and reducing wildfire risk. Conversely, logging these areas would exacerbate these challenges.
- 4. **Support for Tribal Stewardship**: While supporting Tribal stewardship is essential, it is important that this does not come at the expense of increased logging activities.
- 5. **Prioritization of Recreation and Ecosystem Health**: We must place a higher value on recreation, clean water, and fish habitat over timber profits. These elements are essential for the health of our communities and ecosystems.

Thank you for considering these important points as you move forward with the Northwest Forest Plan. I appreciate your attention to the preservation of our forests and the wildlife that depend on them.

Sincerely,

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