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Comments: I use the Forest Service lands covered by the NW Forest Plan weekly. My property borders these Forest Service lands. I grew up in a family supported by timber dollars. My father still works at a timber mill. I understand the importance of logging, but this needs to be balanced with the broader good that intact forests provide the public.

* There is no need for logging of old-growth trees, we should have new definitions of what makes an old-growth tree (adjusted for the loss of many of our oldest trees) and protect the remaining trees from disturbance. Keep in mind that logging is a tool but not the only tool to use to manage our forests.

The Forest Service should not let single users, or interest groups (recreation, logging, ski areas, etc.) dominate the use or management of FS lands. Please consider the many user groups, species, and ecological functions of FS lands when making management decisions.

Incorporate Tribal input and Traditional Ecological Knowledge when making management decisions

Reduce road density and reevaluate existing road beds for their impact on the landscape. Stop using categorical exclusions for projects that should go through more thorough reviews

Prioritize wildlife corridors and habitats. As human development on private lands increases, the importance of having well-connected, forest reserves allows species to thrive despite habitat fragmentation elsewhere.

Prioritize the role that FS lands play in providing clean air and clean water. To this end, examine the role that ski areas play in contaminating water and soil through the spread of PFAS, used in the ski industry (waxes and outdoor equipment). Leasing public lands is a privilege and not a right, and if the cost of doing business causes pollution, that pollution needs to be addressed by the ski areas.

Thank you