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Comments: To protect the water cycle; combat erosion, prevent further deterioration of America's wildlife, maximize our forests' CO² uptake into trunks, branches, root systems; and provide American men and women with beautiful, healthy places to explore, I implore the forest service to embrace and enact alternative C within their proposed list of amendments to the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan.

While some commercial logging of trees 20-70 years old is entirely fitting in these areas-for both commerce and fire-break building-, we must ensure not to log trees over 75-80 years old within this area. Conifers that are over seventy-five years old hold and release (during drought) far more water than equivalent species' that are under fifty years old. Conifers over seventy-five years old also sequester far more CO² per annum in their roots, trunks, and branches compared to the same species, if under fifty years old. Between these reasons and the fact that 50-75 year old conifers provide excellent timber, it makes it scientifically, rationally, and morally imperative that we preserve 75+ year old conifers throughout the region of National Forests constituting the Northwest Forest Plan. For the well being of the nation and its citizen, we must avoid clear-cutting entirely, and preserve all of the mature (over 75 year-old) and old growth trees in this region of the USA.

It would be economically and socially devastating if we log the carbon hungry mature and old-growth trees herein. Alternative C provides for substantial logging without including mature and old-growth specimen, so we should embrace this alternative, and penalize the government, private sector, or lone individuals that cut trees over seventy-five years of age in the new plan. We must also ensure that the agreed-upon amendment is enforced, so these forests' continued growth and prospering is assured for current and future Americans; all of whom benefit from the oxygen producing, carbon sucking, wildlife housing, and outdoorsman-empowering water-batteries that are mature and old-growth forests.