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Comments: The NW Forest Plan has protected our mature and old growth forests for decades. With accelerating climate change it is more important than ever that we protect our mature and old growth forests. It takes many decades to replace these trees, we do not have that kind of time. I know that you all know that climate change is real, and getting much worse, there are scientists among you still I hope. A new administration trying to wipe out all mention of climate change does not make it so. So while you still can, please do not allow amendments that put our forests and therefore our children's futures at risk.

In particular, do not allow Alternative B and D extend the threshold on logging from 80 years to 120 in our wet forests and 150 in dry. This will do great harm in terms of climate and the survival of many species including the Humboldt's flying squirrel, a truly amazing critter.

I am concerned about mega forest fires but these amendments will not help, and will actually make the problem worse. The DEIS relies on flawed justification that logging and thinning in mature west-side moist forests will reduce fire risk. Current scientific evidence refutes this. The best way to minimize fire risk and increase climate resiliency is to let moist forests grow and develop canopy closure.

Mature and old growth forests are excellent at sequestering carbon, much better than any technological sequestration projects to date. Why on earth would we cut these down at this time?

The agency has made meaningful commitments to respect Tribal sovereignty, honor treaty rights, fulfill trust responsibilities, and facilitate co-stewardship. The final Plan should advance the Tribal inclusion components forward independently and not tied to any of the alternatives (in particular the Proposed Alternative B and Alternative D).

Please think about our children's futures and stop these damaging amendments.