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Comments: I strongly oppose raising logging limits to 120-150 years under the Northwest Forest Plan amendment. Protecting mature and old-growth forests is essential-not only for biodiversity but also for climate resilience and wildfire mitigation. Intact forests store carbon, regulate water cycles, and reduce the severity of wildfires, while logging them does the opposite.

Wildlife such as the northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet depend on these forests for survival. Prioritizing their protection over timber profits is crucial for maintaining ecological balance. Additionally, while I support increased tribal stewardship, it should not be tied to increased logging limits-true stewardship means safeguarding these landscapes for future generations.

Recreation, clean water, and fish habitat provide long-term economic and environmental benefits that far outweigh short-term timber gains. I urge you to prioritize conservation, climate resilience, and community interests over increased logging in this amendment.

As someone who works in environmental education and adventure programming with students k-12 as well as senior citizens, I see first hand the importance of these landscapes and the impact it has on the well-being of humans as well as other wildlife. Youth LOVE these areas, they're wild and free, and are places to learn, grow, and be challenged. Taking these away from the future generations to have for the same purposes is heartbreaking just for someone to have monetary gains in the present. These can't be rebuilt. They're part of America, our history, and our culture.