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Comments: Dear USFS,

As a retired teacher, who found every opportunity to get my students out into the forest to study forest canopies, habitats, riparian zones, and water quality, I urge you to approve a final Northwest Forest Plan that prioritizes ancient forests, climate and wildlife not logging. If as a state, we shift our priorities to logging vs the overall wellness of our forests it will compromise the reason Oregon stands out as being a uniquely special state.

As a native Oregonian, I am advocating that we have a strong Plan to protect our remaining mature and old growth forests and the many imperiled species that depend on that type of forest habitat for survival. I urge you to maintain the threshold at 80 years and not compromise the integrity of our forests.

We need to plan for the future health of our forests, air, water and the citizens of our state, moving forward to expand a proposal that will extend greater protection for years to come.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Draper