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Comments: Hello,

I am writing in support of the NW Forest Plan and keeping its protections strong. I am a fifth generation native Oregonian and have spent my life recreating and working in NW forests. My family have been loggers, foresters, fishermen, hikers, backpackers, climbers and more. We need to strengthen protections for these forests, not weaken them. We have over logged and replanted a mono-culture that is now more prone to wildfire. Old growth forests are optimal for storing carbon and are more resistant to wildfire. They provide critical habitat for a variety of imperiled species like the northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, and coho salmon. These forests also protect critical watersheds and improve water quality. Please keep the NW Forest Plan strong and oppose attempts to weaken protections for our forests and public lands.

Thank you!