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Comments: I am submitting written testimony on Northwest Forest Plan Amendment #64745. I want to share that I oppose more logging on old-growth lands. Specifically, I want to emphasize the importance of protecting mature and old-growth forests, and I do not support raising logging limits to 120-150 years. It is crucial to safeguard species like the Northern Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet to ensure their survival.

Research indicates that all forests are interconnected through a mycorrhizal network that thrives in biodiverse regions. Cutting down forests only accelerates climate change and increases the risk of wildfires. While I support tribal stewardship, it cannot be associated with increased logging.

Recreation represents the future of our forests. History has shown us the consequences of extensive loggingdisease, blight, and disbiotic connections. We cannot afford to repeat these mistakes.