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Comments: We must protect our forests. Born and raised in the northwest, I know firsthand the value of our forests to residents, wildlife, ecosystems, and increasingly climate change (as carbon sinks that help mitigate the worst effects of a warming planet-let's not forget the deadly heat dome of 2021). I urge you to choose Alt-A, which maintains the current NWFP regulations.

Protecting our forests would also support ongoing and crucial scientific research. In only one such project, for example, we see the value and importance of this work multiplied:

Scientific and Conservation Impact - passive acoustic monitoring has improved biodiversity research, species detection, or conservation efforts.

Support for Land and Resource Management - this data has benefited habitat management, climate adaptation, and species monitoring efforts.

AI and Innovation - the role of advanced machine learning models is important for processing vast acoustic datasets and developing scalable, cost-effective solutions for wildlife monitoring.

Partnership and Collaboration - this program has supported interagency cooperation, research collaborations, or public engagement in conservation.

Along with so many others who believe our forests offer much more than profit for logging companies, I urge policymakers to support Alt-A and maintain the current regulatory framework.