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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to urge you to please nullify the Northwest Forest Plan amendment. As a longtime resident of the Northwest, I take great pride in the great forests and open spaces we have here and the incredible wildlife that falls these spaces home. This amendment is a clear attack on these incredible ecosystems and wilderness areas. Increasing logging and grazing on public lands only degrades these habitats over time, making them more prone to wildfires, runoff, and additional ecological catastrophe. This has been demonstrated time and time again and documented in countless scientific studies. At the Society for Ecological Restoration at the University of Washington, we as student volunteers spend a great deal of our time undoing the various damage done to ecosystems in the Seattle area. We realize that despite our efforts to restore healthy ecosystems, there is no substitute for leaving land intact and free from corporate interests.

The United States' public lands are perhaps the greatest contributor to what makes America Great. We have held these treasures for centuries for the benefits they give to everyday Americans and the phenomenal wildlife that have become emblems of this country. Please do not let corporate interests degrade them for generations to come by enacting this plan.