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Comments: Dear Regional Foresters Buchanan and Eberlien,

Thank you for accepting my comments on the Northwest Forest Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement. As a resident of southwestern Oregon, I care deeply about our beautiful forests, the public lands and the future of the Pacific Northwest's National Forests.

I am VERY concerned that the USFS's proposal to increase the age limit of trees available for logging from 80 to 120 years in moist forests and from 80 to 150 years in dry forests. Alone 80 years is already a very long time for a tree to grow. 120 or 150 years, imagine what those beautiful trees have lived through and done for our planet.

You are experts and know this from experience, it seems short-sighted to increase logging of the very trees that are most needed to restore degraded forest habitats in many areas. This does NOT make America great again. This destroys what makes America great.

It is so sad to see that the focus on perceived economic benefits of increased timber harvest, omitting the plenty values of forests and healthy aquatic ecosystems provide. There is already enough clear cutting going on, it is devastating, it is a sin to nature, a sin to god's creation.

Please continue to emphasize conservation to protect mature and old-growth forests and the important water quality, wildlife habitat, carbon storage and other ecosystem services they provide, while better incorporating indigenous perspectives.

Please do not consider logging old growth timber.

With best regards - Sylvia Ernst