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Comments: Please approve a final Northwest Forest Plan that prioritizes forests for their complex services - for wildlife, ecosystem stability, water quality, and old-growth forests.

I've worked in clear cuts. I worked in old growth forests. There's no comparison.

The former are hot, decimated ghosts of what a forest really is. Being in each is like experiencing the difference between trying to live in a pile of two by fours or in a well crafted complex house with functioning plumbing heating cooling beauty and structure.

We who live in oregon have survived the Timber Wars and don't want to go back to a time when our forests were liquidated and the pieces exported abroad. That's a formula for poverty not prosperity.

Our forests are providing so much value with timber as one but not the most important product. Recreation, tourism, beauty, water quality, foraging, wildlife habitat, drinking water, clean air and more are all values of healthy mature forests that deliver regional value and drive regional prosperity.

It's time for us to grow healthier ecosystems not liquidate the assets we have. A national Forest national interest intact.