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Comments: The Northwest Forest Plan should not be amended as proposed. The proposed changes would allow devastating cuts to old-growth and mature forests. I write to demand protections that are science-based that include tribal involvement. The value of intact old-growth and mature forests far outweighs the short term profits of linear feet of wood. These trees are hundreds, if not thousands, of years old. Intact forests have immense value as vast carbon sinks, increasing our climate resilience. These forests also support biodiversity, protect ecosystems, and hold watersheds. The health of the forest is inextricably linked with the health of other inhabitants of the forest ecosystem, including salmon, and water quality. Industrial logging has no place in old-growth and mature forests. We should resist the appeal of short-term profit over the long-term value of conserving these irreplaceable and priceless ecosystems.