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Maggie---I am forwarding this to Dick Prather and Mary Ceciliani.

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Please advise on where to send the following comments:

The Northwest Forest Plan was enacted in 1994 to cut back logging on federal lands to protect habitat for the endangered northern spotted owl. The ecological and biological benefits of reducing logged acreage, using better practices than slash logging, and leaving old growth untouched is to my mind, and so many other residents of the Northwest, absolutely critical.

Your plan's preferred alternative calls for logging 48 percent of the forest or 1.2 million acres,

including old growth. I also copy the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife on this email for consideration as they overhaul their recovery plan for the endangered Northern Spotted Owl, understanding that the new plan will most likely affect the BLM's plan. My comment on this plan is as follows:

As a business person, and a resident of Oregon, I understand the logic of the finite. Old growth -it isn't replaceable in our lifetimes, or even our grandchildren's. The concept of sustainability isn't just for fun or for environmentalists. It is a necessity to preserve that which cannot be replaced within one generation. Even with endangered species aside, there is no business, social or ecological model that would condone reduction of an already depleted supply or the irreplaceable value of old growth.

I understand the loss of income, and jobs. Figure it out -use some energy in finding new ways for these communities to thrive. Find the funding elsewhere. Your plan is a short-term fix that will result in deeper social and ecological consequences. These consequences aren't even a generation away -they will happen immediately. We will still be dealing with funding and jobs shortages, regardless of extensions of logging practices.

I ask you to please make decisions that put emphasis on finding new funding for rural communities, better, sustainable management of "farmed timber", and, without question, leave ALL old growth untouched.

Katy Brooks

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