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I would like my public comments to be entered as follows:

After reviewing the current Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEI), I would like to register as being opposed to alternatives 1, 2, or 3. I do think the No Action Alternative is the best proposal to retain.

Foremost I am concerned about the Riparian Reserves (RR) and the Late Successional Reserves (LSR).

It is important that the BLM and any other governmental agencies go to great lengths to protect the sensitive land next to lakes, streams, marshes, and wetlands. Also important are the protection of the current and the development of future old-growth forests and wildlife habitat.

I support the retention of the current NWFP programs.

Just two examples of the NWFP I would like to remain are the "Survey & Manage" program which protects rare and sensitive species should logging occur on public land. Also important is the "Aquatic Conservation Strategy" which designates buffer zones along waterways in areas where management must focus on maintaining aquatic values, and where roads or logging should receive increased scrutiny to avoid impacts to aquatic species. Included in this would be the designation of "key watersheds" that provide optimal fish habitat and protect high quality water sources. I support vigilant watershed analysis and prevention of the extinction of salmon.

In summation I want the BLM to pick the No Action Alternative and continue the direction of the current resource management plans, which were approved in 1995 and subsequently amended.

Sincerely,

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