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To: Regional Foresters Jacque Buchanan and Jennifer Eberlien

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft environmental impact statement for the USFS NW Forest Plan 2024. My name is Tracy Grisman and I am a citizen of Washington state. I was born in Seattle and my ancestors go back many generations on my mother's and my father's side. Now I am a grandparent of little darlings who I hope grow up with more of the sensibility that the indigenous people had/have regarding how we treat our planet. I serve on the Jefferson County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, I am an active member of Beyond Waste (Local 20/20), a retired nurse of 22 years and now an artist and musician. I have backpacked only a fraction of the territory I call paradise here in the Pacific Northwest, have walked the trails and breathed the air, I have seen and drank from springs- I know the difference between clean air, land and water compared to dirty air, land and water. These natural elements are our lifeline as a species and if we don't all wake up together to the fact that any added decimation to the health of our land, forests, air and water, it will be the end of us.

So please accept my comments regarding the draft EIS for the proposed Northwest Forest Plan Amendment.

The Proposal is not good enough. It appears that all the good points including beneficial fire approach and support of Indigenous cultural burning and co-stewardship agreements are being used as leverage to weasel in plans to open up opportunities for more logging/decimation of our old growth forests. Where protecting our old Growth forests should be of the highest concern and priority. We won't rely on big business to educate our children on how important our ecosystems are for the health of all living things.

When proposals like these come to the table - as a citizen who is grateful to be living on this land, I ask myself- who benefits from this? Maybe the tribes in a very superficial and temporary way but clearly big corp who (now legally are considered "people" too) have their eye on the prize and will be able capitalize and profit on the last vestiges of our PNW sanctuary. Please do the right thing and change the proposal to be a more just, safer and healthier one for all.

Chief Seattle said: "If we sell you our land, love it as we have loved it. Care for it as we have cared for it. Hold in your memory the way the land is as you take it. And with all your strength, with all your might, and with all your heart - preserve it for your children, and love it as God loves us all."

Thank you for reading my comments,

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