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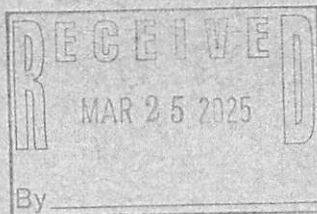
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Dear Northwest Forest Plan Amendment Team,

Please accept these comments on behalf of members of the wider Oregon community. Our organization, Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics and Ecology, hosted a public education event to inform people about the NWFP amendment process.

Each of these letters in this packet is a unique, individual comment letter. We provided this template to support new folks in learning about the public comment process, but each contains unique values and insights from the writers.

Each letter contains the individual names and contacts for the comment submitters as well.

Thank you for your time,

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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

2. Next, gather relevant information and data. This may involve research, consultation with experts, or collecting data from various sources.

3. Once the information is gathered, analyze it to identify patterns, trends, and key factors that influence the outcome.

4. Based on the analysis, develop a plan or strategy to address the problem. This plan should outline the steps to be taken and the resources required.

5. Implement the plan and monitor the progress. This involves executing the steps outlined in the plan and keeping track of the results.

6. Finally, evaluate the results and make adjustments as needed. This involves comparing the actual outcomes with the expected results and identifying areas for improvement.

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Northwest Forest Plan Amendment Public Comment

The following comments are my views on the key issues and impacts that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) failed to fully analyze or disclose. In brief, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) needs the Final EIS to propose forward-looking forest management policies, plans, and projects suitable for a future with

1. ~~and~~ NOT reducing the acreage of LSR
CLIMATE CHANGE and MATURE/OLD-GROWTH FOREST ECOSYSTEMS *from the original 1994 acreage*

Mature/Old-Growth (M/OG) forests are a natural means of absorbing and storing carbon to mitigate climate change. They are more valuable for climate recovery and the many ecosystem services they provide than they are as 2. logs/lumber in commodity markets. The DEIS wrongly proposes to continue commercial logging that is the primary threat to the ecological role and special values of M/OG forests.

The gravest threat to M/OG forests is a revival of commercial logging under the 3. claim that logging will protect rural communities from wildfire or *Not true in old growth*
restore forest resilience. The DEIS must analyze the vital, irreplaceable role of M/OG forests in mitigating climate change and propose permanent protection from logging in all existing M/OG stands. *M/OG is much more resistant to wildfire than second growth/plantations/slash*

TRIBAL INCLUSION and FIRE RESILIENCE

Indigenous cultural burning was, and still is, a vital means of sustaining resilience in fire-adapted forest and grassland ecosystems. Settler-colonialism forcibly removed Native peoples and prohibited their land stewardship practices, causing immense harm to 4. their cultures. The DEIS failed to authorize revitalization of Indigenous cultural burning across the widest landbase range in the national forests in accordance with traditional ecological knowledge. The DEIS failed to fully analyze or disclose the ongoing and escalating impacts of wildfire suppression and fire exclusion.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

As a matter of environmental justice, Tribal representatives and Indigenous perspectives must have greater influence in the NWFP than special interest groups who represent

5. commodity extraction The DEIS failed to adequately analyze the beneficial social, economic, and ecological effects of bringing back Indigenous cultural burning and other traditional land stewardship practices in comparison with the negative effects of continued commodity resource extraction and development.

COMMUNITY SOCIOECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

The economy of the Pacific Northwest and other rural western regions has diversified over the last 30 years, and logging, grazing, or mining are no longer the dominant industries. Rural communities that formerly depended on resource extraction jobs are struggling, but there is tremendous potential for sustainable jobs in 6. outdoor recreation, forest that the DEIS failed to fully analyze and disclose.

These lands are public lands for all, not to benefit the select interests of corporate shareholders and timber owners
In conclusion, in the midst of intersecting climate, wildfire, and biodiversity crises, the DEIS for the NWFP failed to focus on 7. how all of this is inter-related to help protect communities and restore ecosystem resilience. The FEIS must address the current flaws in analysis and disclosure of impacts, and failed to convey that the USFS is genuinely promoting a paradigm shift to fix the flaws of its past mismanagement of our forests.

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