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Comments: We agree with the premise of the attached article on the Northwest Forest Plan.

The key points are:

Absolute preservation of old growth trees as they are the most cost effective measure we can take to remove and store carbon.

Bring the indigenous tribes and local rural population into the negotiations.

Incorporating and funding training of the local rural communities and indigenous peoples as a workforce for forest stewards, firefighters, biologists, foresters and loggers.

Focus on fuel reduction in our rural communities, parks and recreation areas.

Plan for the future.

ATTACHMENT: Forest Plan.pdf Newspaper Article titled Forest Plan Must Protect Communities Too; The Northwest Forest Plan update needs I better focus on affected communities and tribes.