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Comments: Thank you U.S. Forest Service for requesting public comment on the planning process to determine the future management of the remaining ancient trees within seven National Forests in northwestern California and across millions of acres in western Oregon and western Washington. I first read about the Redwood giants as a teenager and it wasn't until I was in my mid 50's that I finally travelled North to discover the majesty and blessings of these truly amazing wonders. Since then I've begun wildland advocacy and did not want to miss this important opportunity to comment.

Following are my crucial requests:

Protect all remaining mature and old-growth trees from logging.

Promote the recruitment of more mature and old-growth trees over time.

Increase the use of beneficial fires (control burns) to restore forests and maintain their health, especially in more remote regions.

Please work with Tribes as much as possible in these restoration efforts to promote Indigenous Ecological Knowledge and culturally relevant resources within the NWFP area.

Also work with Tribes and communities to build restoration workforce capacity in the regions most affected by the NWFP. After all, the indigenous communities were the original keepers of this nation and it is most appropriate that they have agency for what was originally their land.

Respectfully,

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