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Comments: Through Executive Order 14072, President Biden gave the Forest Service clear guidance to conserve and restore mature and old-growth forests as a natural climate solution. The Northwest Forest Plan covers 24.5 million acres of federally managed lands in western Oregon and Washington, and northwestern California. Any amendment to the Plan must recognize and protect the ability of these forests to sequester and store vast amounts of carbon.

The size and severity of wildfires has increased in recent years, requiring the Forest Service to reassess current management strategies. In doing so - and as part of broader and better consultation with Tribes - the Forest Service should consider incorporating Indigenous cultural burning practices.