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Comments: Response to 1. How does the new information affect my perception...?

It's a good start, but needs much more transparency, especially for the public. For example, who decides, and how are the timber harvest models and desired economic outputs set? Do Oregon counties set their own timber goals?

Response to 2. What specific recommendations do I have to improve....

How are ecological non-timber out comes valued? Is there a dollar amount put on preserving old and mature growth forests, preserving species etc. If not, and there is an expectation for annual county dollars it would be expected that non-timber desired outcomes would do more poorly, especially if ODF is held accountable for producing those dollars.

Where is any climate change baked into any of the complex models and scenarios? As an introduction to the proposed amendment to the NWFP we are told that we know a great deal more about climate change since 1994, yet it's not clear where in the modelling this is accounted for.

There appears to be a great deal of focus on the NSO, yet there are many many other species that are diminishing. animals, birds, plants and fungi. These species often need mature or old growth forests to thrive. If anything, since we are now aware that climate change is a big factor in forest and environmental health, the ODF and other governing bodies should be even more conservative about logging and timber harvests. Are there plans to scientifically evaluate different timber strategies side by side? In any case, I consider it to be of absolutely prime importance to protect our forests, watersheds and wildlife.

If logging does have to be done it should be done with the utmost care and respect for the environment, leaving as much buffer on streams as possible, and allowing for connectivity corridors. Clear cutting (or almost any logging) should not be done in mature and old growth forests, and many more than 2 trees should be left per acre in other forests.

How does the NWFP amendment intend to address the Fire suppression that was not adequately addressed in the previous NWFP? How will the Tribes be able to contribute to righting this problem?

Is there a place to see a map of the system of reserves mentioned?

Response to 3. What is the most important consideration....?

A simplified FMP and HCP should be produced for public consumption so that the public can really understand what is at stake here. Where can we see the NWFP timber production goals and how those goals were decided?