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Comments: I have a few suggestions to be considered while updating the NWFP.

Stop cutting Old Growth forests and promote the recruitment of more mature and old-growth trees over time. Mature and old growth areas have more varieties of trees in their environment and support more varieties of wildlife. The old trees also store more carbon dioxide than younger trees.

Increase the use of beneficial fires to restore forests and maintain their health, especially in more remote regions. North western tribes have been conducting fire training schools to help ensure burns are conducted in the correct areas, at the correct time, and with appropriate weather conditions.

An excellent start to working with Tribes has been started in NW California and other areas of the Pacific Northwest. It is important to integrate Indigenous Ecological Knowledge and culturally relevant resources within the NWFP areas much as possible in these restoration efforts to finally begin to live up to the terms of treaties made with the various tribes.

Also work with Tribes and communities to build restoration workforce capacity in the regions most affected by the NWFP. Many of these areas have few employment opportunities. Working with the NWFP would be a win for both parties - jobs for the tribes, native knowledge available and working for the NWFP.