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Comments: To the USFS,

I urge you to protect all remaining mature and old-growth trees from logging. It is also important to promote the recruitment of more mature and old-growth trees over time by instituting protections now for second-or third-growth stands.

I also ask that you increase the use of controlled fires to restore forests and maintain their health, especially in more remote regions. In the Central Sierra where I've lived for decades, dense undergrowth of trees and brush present a significant fire hazard to the survival of forest (regardless of age).

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, and work with Tribes and communities to build restoration workforce capacity in the regions most affected by the NWFP.

Thank you for considering my comments