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Comments: Dear Regional Foresters Jacqueline Buchanan and Jennifer Eberlien,

Please accept this comment as part of the scoping period for the proposed Northwest Forest Plan amendment.

I am submitting a comment due to my love for our forest and mountain landscapes here in the Pacific Northwest. Our beautiful and uniquely protected (compared to where I come from, at least) ecosystems are a big part of the reason why I continue to live here in the PNW. I hope to continue enjoying the places I've become so familiar with and preserving it as a home for other humans and the more-than-human. If done right, I think this amendment can help achieve that.

It's exciting to see that the NWFP amendment prioritizes the protection of mature and old-growth ecosystems, fire resilience via Indigenous fire stewardship, climate change mitigation, and overall tribal inclusion. I believe these are all essential to ongoing forest management in the PNW.

However, I and many others are curious as to what "active management" of mature and old-growth ecosystems might look like, and would like to see more specific information in that section of the amendment. I'm also curious as to whether this management will involve tribal co-stewardship as is mentioned in many of the other sections.

Concerning climate change, it would be wonderful to see plans for flood mitigation that protect not only vulnerable communities, but which mitigate damage as much as possible to species that rely on the Mt. Hood waterways, especially keystone species like salmon and beavers.

Overall, I am excited by the proposals included in this amendment, but feel that more specific language and actions could be detailed going forward, if only to ensure a commitment to certain goals. Thank you for opening this up to public comment.