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Comments: I submitted public comments recently for the NWFP amendment scoping, and since Zoom-watching part of the January 31 FAC meeting this week and also reviewing other public comments, I would like to make further input. As a rural resident of North Central Washington and also growing up in the 1950's in rural Oregon, these forest issues are of importance to me. Protecting and restoring old growth forests - and all forests - in the Pacific Northwest is important to be addressed, for climate change and wildfire, sustainability, biodiversity, Tribal inclusion, community economy, and more.

* The FAC meeting in general had some encouraging and welcome discussion. It was very worthwhile to hear the input and exchange from multiple committee members.

* It was disappointing and disturbing to see the USFS presenters using a throwaway drinking cup.

* The 3 "buckets" for Climate, Wildfire, and Tribal Inclusion did seem limited, and I support the further buckets for Biodiversity and Community that were discussed at the meeting.

* Protection of both wetter and drier mature and old growth forests and attention to their differences is important, including our eastside Okanogan-Wenatchee NF.

* "Thinning and burning" in dry forests in particular is essential, and also expanded inclusion of prescribed fire on its own, with Tribal Inclusion and TEK as discussed at the FAC meeting. I am glad to have the opportunity to make public comment on this issue of importance, and will look forward to the Forest Service and the federal government making good use of all public input, to combine with science and legal responsibilities for a good outcome.