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Comments: After reviewing all options I lean towards plan B, but in my personal opinion I would hybridize alternatives B and alternative C. My points of disagreement are on the topics of; tribal inclusion, fire resilience, climate change, and the LSR plan. As It is very important to me on an ethical level but also in a ecological perspective the importance of tribal inclusion, as they are the original land stewards, but not including them would be another step for cultural erasure of native american communities if we rob them of their involvement with the land and there spiritual practices that bring me to the second issue of fire resilience as nether plans B or C clearly outline what they intend to do, as nether address address how they instead to remove fuel loads and what that would entail for fire suppression or legislature on controlled burns for the state. As we know from the article- Cascadia Burning: The historic, but not historically unprecedented, 2020 wildfires in the Pacific Northwest, USA, that entails the history of fire suppression that has lead to the worsening of wildfires, along with the erratic weather patterns from climate change and the ecological changes of how forest that did not regularly burn in such manners as they do now. It would be foolish not to have a substantial plan on what climate change is going to do to our forests in the future and how we are going to manage them and I'm disappointed in the lack of ideas besides just 'new plan'. As for the LSR plan between cutting trees that are 120 years old, or not cutting them at all, I lean towards the latter, as to account for potential impacts of bringing equipment capable of cutting the few 120 year old trees left on an already dwindling number of old growth forest set aside to be undisturbed for conservation, is not worth any check from a timber mill as few mills are even around to process large trees. What I would like to see out of an updated NWFP that fuses on not only problems of the moment, but also preparation for the future as we might not get to change it for another 30 years. I would propose a plan focused on sustainability and economic opportunities for former mill towns and tribles to lead the way in forest management set to undergo the task of removing fuel load in high risk areas and restoration of ill managed land, along with economic opportunities for the timber industry to reinvent itself for more ethical selective harvest, and giving potential second life for logger in a more technical job that would lead to better pay and a revival of some logging oriented communities.