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Comments: My names Declan Zupo, I am a student at the University of Oregon, a server here in Eugene and a lifetime Oregon resident. Over the last decade my family and I have been effected by the wildfires both directly and indirectly. My father who works in safety has been unable to go to job sites due to the adverse environmental conditions. My mother who suffers from asthma is unable too go outside for fear of the poor airquality. This last summer I had to leave my AC off in 100 degree weather to avoid letting ash and smoke into my home. These conditions although obviously exasperated by the climate crises are directley linked to years of colonial forest management. The lack of tribal inclusion in the NWFP is deeply troubling particularly when considering the threats our forests will face in the coming years. It is imperative that this plan includes indigenous voices, land managment practice and cultural fire. Indigenous people have been successfully stewarding this land since time immeorial, the disregard for their knowledge has not only been detremntally to indigenous communities but to all people in the pacific northwest and importantly to the land itself. With these experience I am calling on the Forest service too tier the authorization of venido al fire use from indigenous cultural burning, prescribed fire, and managed wildfire to the Federal Wildlands Fire Policy and the growing literature on Indigenous fire use.