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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I urge you to authorize all the tribal inclusion elements in the draft DEIS. I grew up in Alaska and have seen the enormous ecological and cultural benefits that come from Native wisdom being involved with land management. I've fished in rivers that would have been made barren by mine runoff if it weren't for Native forethought and advocacy to protect it. I've eaten moose stew hunted in a sustainable manner that will ensure the moose can continue to live and provide for us for generations to come. This would not have been possible without the knowledge of the Yupik people who harvested the meat and prepared the delicious meal we shared. While I am new to Oregon, I have seen countless examples of indigenous wisdom involved in the process of cultural burns and other ways of caring for forests. The Forest Service and the forests themselves would be losing out tremendously if maximum Native involvement is not made a priority.