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Comments: Hello my name is Sierra Nunis, I am 20 years old and a junior studying Environmental Science at the University of Oregon. I love our National Forests and lands for both their recreational opportunities as well as preserving nature for future animals to have a safe and prosperous place to live. With this amendment I want to express my concern and stress the importance to prioritize tribal stewardship and the responsibility to take care of our land rather than using them for the timber industry. I care and worry about the health of our Forests, so please accept this comment on the proposed Northwest Forest Plan amendment. I support the changes the DEIS added about increasing tribal inclusion and sovereignty across the NWFP. Though fire has been villainized throughout our past it is actually beneficial to our ecosystems and for some species, it's needed. This is why I support the use of beneficial fire, cultural burnings, as well as prescribed burnings outlined in alternative B. I call for the Forest Service to retain the beneficial fire language in Alternative B into final action.

I also want to propose some changes concerning the Re-defining Mature & Old Growth. This would then eliminate protections for unlogged mature forests in the LSRs, and would increase clearcutting of mature and old-growth forests in Matrix Lands. Clear Cutting isn't only bad for our ecosystems but post clear cutting allows for more fuel on the ground which allows fires to burn easier and quicker. I call The Forest Service to leave the definition of Old Growth and Mature Forests as is.