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Comments: I have looked over the proposed ammendment to the NWFP and am very concerned that the very purpose of the NWFP will be seriously and negatively impacted if this ammendment is adopted. There are a number of components in the ammendment that weaken core protections for mature and old-growth forests and the suite of water quality, species habitat, and carbon storage values; they should not move forward. Those components that strengthen the NWFP's commitment to Tribal sovereignty and inclusion, environmental justice, and beneficial fire use should move forward without being tied to increased logging in these vital forests.

Among my most serious concerns should the ammendment be adopted are: first, it would open over 800,000 acres of mature and older forests to destructive commercial logging, and create new loopholes to allow logging in reserves meant to protect fish, wildlife, and drinking water; second, it would Increase logging and turn mature forests, one of our most powerful climate solutions, into a source of additional carbon emissions that will exacerbate climate change; third, Exploit the fear of fire to increase logging of mature forests that are already fire-resistant and resilient; and fourth, the ammendment would delay or prevent recovery of the spotted owl.

I implore you to not take any action that would cause the adoption or implementation of the ammendment.