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Comments: On November 15, 2024, the agency released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) analyzing proposed changes to the NWFP. Changes include measures to expand Tribal inclusion across the NWFP area through cultural harvesting and access, co-stewardship agreements, fire stewardship, workforce development, and youth education. However, the agency also proposes changes that would eliminate logging protections for mature forests and significantly increase logging volume outputs from national forests.

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Increased clearcutting in mature forests must be taken off the agenda. The agency should meet its timber harvest quota by logging young tree stands. Commercial thinning is another way to plan for quotas. Whatever the Forest Service decides, clearcutting mature forests is a bad idea. Significant reductions in agency employees would result in timber companies ignoring logging regulations.