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Comments: I count myself so lucky to live near the mountains and forests of the Pacific Northwest. As a lifelong hiker, skier and nature lover, these landscapes have shaped who I am on a deeply personal level. In the last few years, I have found a great deal of meaning and community through exploring the Cascades on solo adventures, with new and old friends, and in group trips with the Mountaineers. These unique ecosystems are important to so many people in many ways, and it's critical to protect them for future generations.

In amending the Northwest Forest Plan, it's important the balance the needs of climate change mitigation, wildfire management, conservation, recreation and giving tribal communities the voice that they have long been denied. Alternative B is the best of the proposed options. It could be further improved by more thoroughly discussing the management of recreation and its impacts, and the steps that will be taken to adapt to climate change. Regardless of the option chosen, it is critical to integrate tribal knowledge and guidance into the final plan.

Thank you for your consideration and for your responsible stewardship of public lands!