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Comments: 1) I support the inclusion of Tribes and Indigenous voices that were left out of the NW Forest Plan negotiations 30 years ago.

- 2) I support new standards that protect old forests in timber matrix zones which are defined as areas for logging emphasis.
- 3) I support language that allows for more widespread cultural and prescribed burns, and encourages the agency to utilize planning tools like PODs to help with natural wildfire ignitions.
- 4) I support maintaining Adaptive Management Areas as outlined in the original plan, and using AMA framework to engage communities and other members of the public in project planning.
- 5) I support advocating for changes to the amendment that change protections for mature and old-growth in special reserves. The new amendment increased the age of trees that can be harvest from 80 to 150 years old, potentially impacting critical habitat for Northern spotted owls and other old-growth dependent species.

Thank you.