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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

I am a native of the Pacific Northwest and a retired Naval officer and community organizer.

As your literature says, our environment is changing and it's appropriate that our land managers are updating their plans, in keeping with original goals of these plans. The Northwest Forest Plan's central goal is to protect endangered species.

Your proposals lead with the timber-industry scare tactic of "wildfires" and understates the role of community hardening and forests that are needed to sequester and store atmospheric carbon to mitigate the existential crisis we face with an overheating planet.

Plans to double or triple logging in the name of community safety is not backed up by scientific analysis and dramatically degrades biodiversity, water and air quality, and wildlife habitat.

I appreciate and concur with the Tribal inclusion and knowledge aspects, which are long over due, as well as including ecological or "good" fire. I ask you maintain the later and revisit the increased rotation times. Those are absolutely incompatible with your original NWFP goals. And you know it. These are what remain of our precious mature and old growth forests. Your job is to manage them for our future. These proposals do not. Thank you.