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Comments: I am a concerned mother & business owner living in Eugene. The forests of the Pacific North are important to me. We have been bringing our children to hike and swim and ski in the area since the 1980's.

I am concerned that the Forest Service's proposed amendment to the northwest forest plan weakens protections for our region's forests, clean water, and wildlife habitat. If enacted, these changes would at least double logging levels, open mature and old growth trees to logging, and sideline the protections that our climate, communities, wildlife, and ecosystems depend on.

I support some elements of the amendment that includes a beneficial fire approach and support of the indigenous, cultural practices and co-stewardship agreements. The Forest Service should retain all of the tribal inclusion plan components that are in alternative B, but uncouple them from the forest management components that increase the age of trees and forest that can be logged. I believe we need a strong forest plan that incorporates modern science and public values, robust and honest tribal consultation, and the needs of future generations.