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Comments: While the language offered in the DEIS is a good start in some ways, we believe there is room for improvement. One such example includes reducing the 150 year+ prohibition on logging by a few decades to whatever our most trusted sources tell us it should be. This 150 year+ prohibition can be found in the DEIS Alternative B (Alt B). Other elements of Alt B include:

Promote fire resilience through an aggressive fuel reduction program with an emphasis on "treating" NF lands around communities and in strategic locations such as along roads and in designated fuel-breaks.

Promote the restoration of old-growth forest ecosystems "where appropriate" in young forests using proven ecological forestry techniques. In other words, we can use "eco-forestry" to restore future old-growth in our NW NFs over time.

Establish a goal of treating at least 790,000 to 964,000 acres of dry forests in the first 15 years after the NWFP is approved. The treatments encouraged by the NWFP include using all the appropriate tools that we have long supported, depending upon local conditions and needs.

"Move beyond consultation with Tribes and include specific, actionable strategies to incorporate Indigenous Knowledge in decision making and provide opportunities to expand co-stewardship with Tribes." The proposed plan amendment includes, "strategies to build trusting working relationships with Tribes and incorporate their feedback into land management decisions. Tribal inclusion is focused in the areas of Access and Gathering, Co-stewardship, Forest Stewardship, Indigenous Knowledge, Treaty and Protected Tribal Rights, and Workforce."

Again, we believe the NWFP is off to a good start in the DEIS that was released, but with help from our supporters, CalWild will urge the FS for a better final outcome.

Thank you very much