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Comments: encourage the Forest Service to retain the following elements from the DEIS in the final NWFP:

Promoting the restoration of old-growth forest ecosystems where ecologically appropriate in young forests.

The goal of conducting restoration and fire resilience enhancements on between 790,000 to 964,000 acres of CA's dry forests in the first 15 years after the NWFP Amendment is approved, including increasing the pace and scale of managed fire use.

Moving beyond mere consultation with Tribes in this urgently needed restoration campaign by including specific, actionable strategies to incorporate indigenous knowledge in decision making and providing opportunities to expand co-stewardship with Tribes. Tribes were helping to maintain the health of what are now NW CA's NFs for millennia and their knowledge and assistance is essential to our collective restoration efforts today.

Thank you for considering my comments on the NWFP DEIS. I look forward to a Final EIS that is more protective of ancient and mature trees, especially in the dry forests that have suffered so much from the catastrophic impacts of decades of old-growth logging, fire-suppression, and climate change, coupled with the genocide and displacement of Tribes.