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Comments: I am grateful to live in the Pacific Northwest, where the forests, mountains, and Puget Sound remind us of nature's gifts and majesty daily. All of these treasures must be protected, so it is vital that the forest management plan be informed by the latest science and the understanding that the traditional stewards of these lands -- native tribes -- often know best how to manage them.

Unfortunately, none of the alternatives in the DEIS for the Northwest Forest Plan revisions are sufficient.

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 allow older trees and forests to be logged.

Preserving biodiversity and connected wildlife habitat across the region should be a core principle of this forest plan amendment. This includes not only threatened species, but others that have been impacted by the loss and fragmentation of their habitat, and those awaiting state and/or federal Endangered Species Act listing decisions.

The amendment should recognize the wide variety of social and economic benefits National Forests provide for local communities and the region as a whole - not just timber, but also clean water, climate stability, quality of life, and outdoor recreation.