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Comments: For 30 years the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) has directed management in National Forests across western Washington, Oregon and northern California -- over 24.5 million acres. The original Plan aimed to protect and restore old-growth forests and health stream habitat for threatened species. Were Tribes part of the process? No. Was logging allowed? Yes. How's it turned out? So-so.

In 2015 a revision process was started, then shelved by you-know-who, then restarted again in 2023. Now there's a Draft Environmental Impact Statement that could expand Tribal inclusion across the NWFP area. Great!

But none of the four proposed alternatives adequately protect the damn trees!

Please, take a deep breath and remember the last time you visited a National Forest and felt air cooled by big trees and fragrant with pine needles. Remember what the birds and critters sounded like? Good! Thank You The temperate rainforests of the Pacific Northwest are one of the best habitats and richest carbon reservoirs on the planet -- and they need our help to stay that way. Let's keep them big and strong for future generations!

Sincerely LD