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Comments: The Northwest Forest Plan is valuable to our region and must be maintained and improved to keep our lands bio-diverse, resilient to effects of climate change, and thriving for generations to come.

I support and encourage decisions regarding this amendment to address and uphold the areas for improvement identified by the Associate Deputy Chief of National Forest System in 2023. Specifically, those areas for improvement are:

Improving fire resistance and resilience across the NWFP planning area,

Strengthening the capacity of NWFP ecosystems to adapt to the ongoing effects of climate change,

Improving conservation and recruitment of mature and old-growth forest conditions, ensuring adequate habitat for species dependent upon mature and old growth ecosystems and supporting regional biodiversity,

Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge into planning, project design, and implementation to achieve forest management goals and meet the agency's general trust responsibilities, and

Providing a predictable supply of timber and non-timber products, and other economic opportunities to support the long-term sustainability of communities located proximate to National Forest System lands and economically connected to forest resources.