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Comments: Dear project official,

Thank you for the opportunity to give public comment on the Northwest Forest Plan amendment process.

Indigenous stewardship of forests has shaped our landscape since time immemorial, and is essential to building a climate resilient future for our region. The incorporation of Tribal consultation and co-stewardship of our federal forest lands is a long-awaited and much needed addition to the NFP. Adopted elements should support Tribal co-management and co-stewardship informed by indigenous knowledge, access to culturally important sites, subsistence hunting and gathering on federal lands, and other issues of interest to Tribes. The plan should ensure that these elements are successfully and sustainably implemented.

I hope you will prioritize improving fire resistance and resilience, conservation approaches to protect the fragile and essential balance in nature, strengthen our resilience and reduce the harms of climate change, and look to our Tribal leaders for collaboration and wisdom.

I appreciate the staff and rangers at the US Forest Service and your commitment to the Pacific Northwest. I hope you are given the tools and support to carry out this plan through the amendment process, and that you feel supported at the local, national, and federal levels.

With gratitude, Erin