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Comments: My partner is a fuel reduction specialist. My best friends are wildland firefighters. I am an avid lover of the outdoors and work in the columbia river gorge every summer teaching the next generation about stewardship. Alternative B of the NW forest plan is the most comprehensive of the proposed plans and is what most forestry people I have spoken to are recommending. I would like to add that the plan, and all proposed plans, need to include:

- a higher level of distinction for what "old" and "wet" forests are so that we can enable proactive practices as our climate changes,
- incorporation of indigenous autonomy and involvement,
- a clear outline of actually beneficial restoration practices following clear cuts that don't lead to uniform, same height, highly competitive groves that drive out diversity and increase fire risk,
- public outreach and awareness campaigns as part of resilience. Neighbors need to know each other and have clear access to knowledge and tools that give them a better chance.

I am advocating for ALTERNATIVE B.