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Comments: I am a Seattle resident and avid hiker. I benefit greatly from our natural forests!

The Northwest Forest Plan continues to be instrumental in keeping the Pacific Northwest a special place through the restoration of forests and watersheds damaged by decades of destructive logging and road building, recovery of economically and ecologically valuable salmon runs, protection of wildlife habitat and old-growth forests, and ensuring our national forests are part of a natural climate solution. The landmark plan warrants updates to address Tribal inclusion and incorporation of Indigenous Knowledge, address the dual climate change and biodiversity crises, and increase wildfire resilience.

The Forest Service should retain all of the Tribal inclusion plan components that are analyzed in the DEIS and improve its analysis of related impacts. I support elements of the amendment that include a beneficial fire approach and support of Indigenous cultural burning and co-stewardship agreements.