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Comments: Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to submit comments on the DEIS for the Northwest Forest Plan Amendment, prepared by the Forest Service. As a concerned citizen and environmental science student, I have reviewed the document and would like to express concerns about the potential environmental impacts of the project.

High-severity wildfires have greatly impacted areas managed under the NWFP in recent years. The importance of Indigenous Knowledge of the use of fire is stressed heavily within the DEIS. The alternative actions presented incorporate this in different ways which is important to exploring the best route for improving the management plan moving forward. My concern is that Alternative C increases wildfire risk, suggesting increased habitat loss, public health hazard, and greenhouse gas emissions, along with many more adverse impacts. Although there is great value in emphasizing natural processes, I worry about the risk to reward ratio associated with this alternative. I urge the agency to further examine this alternative, and provide additional detail to explain how alternative C would meet the purpose and need of the proposed action.

In light of these concerns, I request that the Forest Service address these issues in a revised EIS. Please include my comments in the official record and provide updates on any project modifications.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me at owen7@pdx.edu or 503-725-9062 if further information is needed.

Sincerely,

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