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Comments: Hello,

I am commenting re Northwest Forest Plan Amendment #64745.

I believe it is important to continue Tribal Inclusion in this plan, especially due to the intimate understanding tribal peoples have of forest health, gleaned over thousands of years of caring for the forest lands they depended on for their livelihoods. Along with this, I believe indigenous cultural burning of forests should also be included, as this protects the health of the forest and reduces the chances of wildfires getting out of control and wreaking destruction. Both of these choices will save both land as well as substantial amounts of money.

Also, it is crucial that mature, old growth forests are protected and not logged. They clean our air by storing carbon, old growth forests help to filter drinking water supplies and are home to a variety of species, are more fire resistant, and old growth trees nourish younger trees.

I hope you will make a decision that takes into consideration not only our lives, but also the lives of future generations to come.