



NORTHWEST FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT DEIS DISCUSSION SERIES



EVENT DETAILS + UPDATES

WEEK 1 READING GROUP

Tuesday, Jan. 21 from 4 to 5 p.m.
College of Forestry - Peavy Forest Science Center 129

Preparatory Reading

Executive Summary, pages ES-1 to ES-12 (12 pages).
Download entire PDF here: [NWFP Amendment DEIS Volume 1](#).

SERIES INFORMATION

The [United States Forest Service \(USFS\) Northwest Forest Plan \(NWFP\) Amendment](#) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) addresses important changes to management and stewardship of USFS federal lands in our region. The DEIS is open for public comment, closing March 17th 2025.

This Winter 2025, join us for a five-week event series in January and February structured as a reading and discussion group. Through this series, we'll aim to build awareness of the potential changes, foster dialogue about the multiple uses and challenges of forest ecosystems in our region. The series aims to create an accessible entry point for folks who are interested in the ideas in the DEIS but unsure how to engage, as well as providing a space for folks deeply immersed in these topics who would like to discuss them with colleagues and community. You're also welcome to just join in and listen! All members of the community, OSU and broader public are welcome to attend.

The discussion sessions are scheduled for **Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m.** on campus (**College of Forestry, PFSC 129**) beginning Week 3 of winter term. Here is the full schedule and focal topics:

1. Tuesday January 21st, 2025 – Executive Summary & Overview of the DEIS, Alternatives and Themes
2. Tuesday, January 28th, 2025 – Tribal Inclusion and Indigenous Knowledge
3. Tuesday, February 4th, 2025 – Forest Stewardship
4. Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 – Economic Opportunities and Sustainable Communities, Sustainability and Communities, Fire Resilience, Climate and Carbon
5. Tuesday, February 18th, 2025 – Loose Ends & Looping Back to Topics of Interest

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- Welcome! Why are we here?
- Week 1: Overview and orientation – Executive Summary & overview of the DEIS, Alternatives and Themes [a couple of slides from me]
- Discussion/Q&A time



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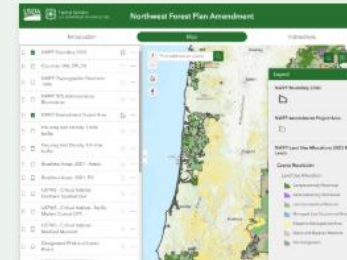
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Upcoming:

Week 2: DEIS Theme “Tribal Inclusion and Indigenous Knowledge”

Week 3: DEIS Theme: “Forest Stewardship”

Week 4: DEIS Themes: “Fire Resilience”, “Climate, Ecosystem Integrity, and Carbon”, “Support Economic Opportunities and Sustainable Communities”

Week 5: Loose ends and looping back to topics of interest

****I'll send out reading materials for focus, e.g. tomorrow for Week 2****

Note: upcoming formal USFS public meeting and presentation on Tuesday Feb. 11th 5:30pm Siuslaw NF Supervisor's Office/Corvallis

Welcome!

Baseline conditions for our time together:

- We welcome everyone interested in the topics.
- There will be no [well... limited...] formal presentations.
- Sessions are an opportunity to discuss ideas, listen in and understand the direction being suggested for modernization of the Northwest Forest Plan.
- All participants commit to engaging in dialogue with an emphasis on listening to hear each other and respecting diverse values, experience and backgrounds, ideas and opinions.

Overview of DEIS: Issues, Themes, Alternatives

Your skimming of the Executive Summary, getting oriented...

Key Issues

Fire Resilience

Economic Benefits

Habitat

Tribes

Adaptation

DEIS Sections

Fire Resilience

Economic Opportunities & Sustainable Communities

Forest Stewardship

Tribal Inclusion

Climate, Ecosystem Integrity & Carbon

Alternative Framework

Alternative A: No Action	Alternative B: Proposed Action	Alternative C	Alternative D
Baseline –Land Management Plans within the Northwest Forest Plan area, as implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflects recommendations provided by a multi-interest Federal Advisory Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Similar to Alternative B Additional emphasis on use of natural processes to reach desired conditions for landscape resiliency Less mechanical treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Similar to Alternative B emphasizes wildfire risk reduction to communities through the use of hazardous fuel reduction treatments More mechanical treatment in high-risk areas Survey & manage exemption around communities

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https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fsbdev2_026990

Key concepts (...in my mind...)

- Land Use Allocations (LUAs, e.g., Matrix, LSR, etc)
- Protections for mature and old growth (trees and stands) – in Matrix and LSR
- Dry forest restoration
- Forest type distinction: dry stands and moist stands
- Use of age of trees/stands (e.g., 120 years) versus calendar year (e.g., 1905)
- “harvest” in LSR – the rationale, seral stage, and forest type
- Tribal inclusion and IK, including cultural burning
- Community Protection Areas (CPAs)
- Adaptive Management Areas managed as Matrix
- Supporting rural communities and economies – including timber supply
- Additional constraints on action, e.g., Survey & Manage, what’s out of scope
- Mix and match of plan components from different Alternatives?

Forest Stewardship

Meg's edits in *italics*

	DRY		MOIST	
	Matrix	LSR	Matrix	LSR
Timber Harvest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorized Retain trees older than 150 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorized to achieve restoration objectives Retain trees older than 150 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorized in stands established after 1905 Authorized to achieve ecological objectives in stands established between 1825 – 1905 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorized to achieve ecological objectives in stands younger than 120 years <p><i>Exceptions >120 years Tribal co-stewardship, cultural use,</i></p>
Salvage Harvest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorized Retain all live trees, as well as the largest, oldest dead trees as snags. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorized to achieve fuel management when beneficial to ecological goals, fire resilience, wildlife needs, and local communities. Retain all live trees, as well as a high number of large snags. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorized Retain all live trees, as well as the largest, oldest dead trees as snags. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⁺ Not Authorized <p><i>Prohibited (with exceptions)</i></p>

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