



Northwest Forest Plan Amendment - Economic Opportunities and Sustainable Communities

Economic Opportunities Across the Alternatives

Sustainable Forests and Timber Harvests

- **Alternative B (Proposed Action):**
 - Provides for a predictable supply of forest products to regional communities while restoring forest health and retaining mature and old growth forest conditions.
 - Increases acres treated for wildfire risk reduction and ecological restoration (including reforestation).
- **Alternative C:**
 - Relies on natural processes, with fewer acres treated and minimal mechanical interventions.
- **Alternative D:**
 - Increases emphasis on management in moist forest Matrix areas to achieve diverse resource objectives.
 - Emphasizes wildland fire as a key restoration tool, creating zones for different fire resiliency strategies.
 - Lessens survey requirements for wildfire risk reduction around communities.

Partnerships and Local Workforce Development

- Encourages partnerships with local and tribal organizations for contracts and agreements, leveraging funds to sustain local economies.
- Aligns workforce training and development initiatives with forest management priorities.

Youth Engagement and Training

- Expands youth programs to cultivate the next generation of forest managers through hands-on experience in ecological restoration and wildfire operations.
- Strengthens partnerships with educational institutions to enhance training opportunities, particularly in prescribed fire and ecological resilience.

Preserving Cultural and Historical Values

- Supports community-based activities tied to traditional, recreational, and cultural uses of forest lands.
- Recognizes the economic and social importance of outdoor recreation for tribal and local communities.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Improves predictability in timber supply and restoration efforts to bolster community economic opportunities.
- Expands opportunities for collaboration with local governments, businesses, Tribes, and organizations to align workforce needs with forest management goals.
- Enhances forest health and fire resilience through restoration projects that support local economies.

How Does This Amendment Promote Economic Opportunities?

- **Predictable Timber Supply:** Provides consistency in forest management outputs to support job opportunities.
- **Focus on Collaboration:** Strengthens ties with local organizations, Tribes, and businesses to align forest stewardship with community goals.
- **Education and Employment:** Prepares youth and students for careers in forestry through innovative partnerships and training programs.
- **Wildfire Risk Reduction:** Addresses risks from wildfire to local economic drivers, including tourism and recreation.

Spotlight on Alternatives

Key Focus	Alternative B (Proposed Action)	Alternative C	Alternative D
Timber Harvest	Moderate	Reduced	Moderate
Fire Resiliency Approach	Emphasis on mechanical fuel reduction, and use of wildland fire where safe	Not a primary focus	Mechanical fuel reduction is coupled with emphasis on increased use of wildland fire where safe
Restoration Acres	High	Low	High
Workforce Development	High Priority	Moderate Priority	High Priority
Recreation Access	Focus on underserved groups	Recreation infrastructure prioritized	Broad access emphasized

Learn More About Economic Opportunities in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

1. **Volume 1: Chapter 3 – Socio-Economic Analysis**
 - Impacts of timber harvests, restoration projects, and workforce initiatives on local economies.
2. **Volume 2: Appendix A1 – Economic Sustainability Strategies**
 - Details of contracting, workforce development, and tribal partnerships.
3. **Volume 2: Appendix E – Environmental Justice Assessment**
 - Examination of economic benefits for underserved communities and Tribes.

How to Stay Involved

Engage with the process and provide your input to help shape economic opportunities under the Northwest Forest Plan. Submit comments at: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r6/nwfp.



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