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Dear Officer Carlton,

The Oregon Hunters Association Umpqua Chapter Objects to the Calf-Copeland Restoration project Decision on Alternative 3. The objection of this alternative is based upon the road closures and decommissioning of roads as proposed within the project. The chapter stands against the decommissioning of any roads on national forest land as they are valuable access for emergency response crews or future forest management activities.

The \$138,195 in the budget for road decommissioning could be better spent on road maintenance for other roads in the area that have lacked annual maintenance in previous years. The plan to spend \$138,195 on road decommissioning but only \$8000 on meadow restoration shows that the agency has no care or concern for wildlife habitat and ecological diversity. Additionally closing 17.6 miles of road and putting them into storage will result in the degradation of the road for future reopening. Some of these roads are connecting roads to other mainlines, which seems unreasonable to be closing. Water crossings in these road systems will not be maintained if the roads are closed and could potentially become washed-out, leading to heavy sediment flows in the waterways. Keeping the roads open will have minimal impact on the area and will increase the likelihood of roads being maintained with the budget they are given but rarely used properly.

The Umpqua Chapter understands that management alternative 3 focuses on commercial and non-commercial thinning operations on over 3500 acres of forestland. These thinning operations will provide wildlife habitat in addition to reduced fuel loads lowering the risk for high severity fires. The Umpqua Chapter supports this portion of the management plan for alternative 3.

Sincerely,

Tadd Moore, President