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Subject: OBJECTION Zigzag Integrated Resource Project

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To: Reviewing Officer, Zigzag Ranger District, Mt. Hood National Forest

From: Roberta Badger-Cain.

Subject: Above

On August 6, 2020, I submitted testimony urging your agency to abandon the Zigzag Timber Sale in Mt. Hood National Forest so that the intact forests in the Zigzag Ranger District would protect the topsoil from mastication ruin, protect streams and salmon from siltation ruin, protect quality recreation opportunities, and protect indigenous homelands.

I am stunned to read the list of actions you proposed for the Zigzag Integrated Resource Project on September 24, 2020 regarding major road building and road rehabilitation and tree thinning on 1,850 acres. I strongly object. Major road building destroys the integrity of forests for the diversity and heath of its flora, fauna, fish (especially salmon species, and small lifeforms upon which the preservation of the planet depends. Further, sequestration of carbon would be compromised at a time when climate change threatens the survival of humans and our Earth home.

Your proposed actions would destroy the protections this forest needs to remain a viable forest for anything but the profits of the timber industry at the very time demand is significantly down due to Covid19. I implore you to cease and desist from moving forward with your proposed road building and major thinning actions, and instead protect these irreplaceable resources and watersheds and allow them to flourish for the benefit of all.