

Hello Ruth,

My name is Brayden Donnelly and I am a concerned citizen who values the recreational opportunities that the Siskiyou mountains offer me and my community. Thank you for taking the time to read my message below and for overseeing the management of our public lands.

Bear Country Project Comments and Concerns:

- Please refocus the Bear Country Project on community fire safety, plantation thinning, maintaining wildfire escape routes for local residents and implementing prescribed fire adjacent to homesteads or communities on the Salmon River. These activities will increase fire safety and community fire resilience, while the logging proposed in the Bear Country Timber Sale would have the opposite effect.
- Please retain all large, fire resistant trees over 20" diameter throughout the project area.
- Please maintain canopy cover over 70% in all dry Douglas fir stands to maintain fire resistance, reduce an aggressive understory shrub response and maintain Northern spotted owl habitat conditions.
- Please cancel all new road construction and road re-construction. Utilize the existing road network, focus on communities and timber plantations, not natural conifer stands.
- Please cancel all commercial logging units in the Wild and Scenic Salmon River corridor.
- Please manage the Wild and Scenic River corridor specifically to enhance and maintain the "Outstandingly Remarkable Values" intended for protection. These include numerous scenic, recreational and biological values that would be impacted by the current commercial logging proposals.
- Please cancel all logging units over 80 years of age in Late Successional Reserve forest.
- Please cancel all commercial logging units currently supporting Nesting, Roosting and Foraging for the Northern spotted owl.
- Please, do not downgrade, degrade or remove suitable Northern Spotted Owl habitat.

Please continue to oversee our public lands, and the forests we love, with the intangible, non commodifiable, and absolutely necessary, focus on the future generations who will inherit our beautiful work, or our failed projects. Our efforts today are for their lives in the distant tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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