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ATTN: Dean Schlichting, NEPA Planner; Emily Long, Project Contact, 57600 Hwy 126 McKenzie Bridge, OR

To Whom It Will Concern,

The project: 2023 Developed Recreation Site Improvements, "Install two solar-powered light poles at the parking area and trailhead to Terwilliger/Cougar Hot Springs. One pole will replace a defunct light pole next to the parking area and the other will sit between the roadway and the trailhead host station. Legal description T17S R5E Section 20, Lane County, Elevation Approx. 1,750'."

The nearest artificial light in the area is on the temperature control tower at the dam. It would be inappropriate for the Forest Service to proceed with these lights given their impacts to the environment, wildlife, and their potential for vandalism that would cost more taxpayer dollars to repair/replace.

Artificial lights will also impact the wildlife, terrestrial, amphibious, and aquatic. Last, these lights will likely be vandalized, just like all the others before, necessitating more cost. This project to put up these solar lights is a waste of public dollars, unnecessary, and environmentally harmful. Take this out of the plan, and the budget.

Sincerely,
Cameron Smith
Yachats, OR Citizen

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