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To:

Brian Anderson, District Ranger
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Wallowa Mountains Office
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Regarding: Morgan Nesbit Forest Resiliency Project #58961,
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/wallowa-whitman/?project=58961>

District Ranger Anderson:

The Juniper Group, Oregon Sierra Club, representing over 1500 members in Eastern Oregon counties, has the following additional comments on the scoping package for the Morgan Nesbit Project 58961.

The mission of the Juniper Group, Oregon Sierra Club, and national Sierra Club is:

- To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth.
- To practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources.
- To educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

We are commenting on this project 58961 to express some of our concerns with this project, in the interest of fulfilling our mission, and in representing our membership throughout Oregon and the nation. We thank you for this opportunity for public input on the management of our public lands.

We have signed on to the substantial comments provided by Oregon Wild for this project. We agree with the issues that are raised in the comments submitted by Oregon Wild and support the detailed research and findings presented in those comments.

I spent some time in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest this past summer and visited part of the Morgan Nesbit project area. This is a beautiful area with healthy green forests as well as areas of past fires, demonstrating the “patch and gap” characteristic of natural wildfire. While I did not see large

wildlife on this trip, I know from the signs I saw that bear, cougar, elk, and deer abound in this area. I saw many signs as well of cattle, and of smaller wildlife. I look forward to returning again this next summer explore this area more.

We believe that if you and the Wallowa-Whitman NF adopt the well documented and scientifically supported substantive comments presented by Oregon Wild that we have also signed, the Morgan Nesbit and Wallowa-Whitman NF will continue to provide the biodiverse vibrant ecosystem we need and desire, for next summer and for many generations to come.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,
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