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To the USFS
Forest Plan Revision

As a Family, we have lived, worked and played in our public forests for five generations. Protecting our rights as citizens of Baker County to keep the forest we love and need them to be in the best managed condition they can be.

The condition of our forest throughout the western states is currently in worse condition and has slowly deteriorated over the last forty years. This worsening condition is because our United States Forest Service has changed their direction from logging and thinning that reduced heavy fuel loads to cutting back on timber sales and locking up the forest, so no management is happening.

The fact is, we need to increase the size of sale units with larger volumes of timber products being produced to protect the forests from wildfires and to get back timber industry jobs for our communities.

Do not reduce the General Forest with more set-asides like more wilderness study areas and increase wildlife protection areas. The general Forest are the areas that the public can fully use without undo restrictions involving family activities such as camping, berry picking, mushroom hunting and riding on motorized vehicles.

Keep our public lands usable for all the public.

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