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Comments: I originally ask for hard copies of the Blue Mountain Forrest plan which I never received. What you sent was a micro pdf format that is unreadable when expanded. I not sure if you really expect people to read this, but I do find this to be a slap in the face if you truly want public input. I have spent over 50 years working in the resource field. I have a degree in Range Management with minors in Soils and Botany and have worked in this field. I've been a district Range Conservationist, district T&E plant specialists, developed allotment management plans, written Environmental Impact Assessments and conducted ecological site assessments, stratified the condition class and a provided the different successional conditions to the wildlife biologists to survey wildlife diversity. I'm rather disappointed that the forest service would send out for public review an unreadable public document asking for public input. I just spent 5 days camping in north malhuer river area. The following is my assessment: 1) it appears this forest lack's forest management. There are dead and dying trees everywhere along with excessive down woody material on the forest floor. 2)a complete lack of vegetative management. The number of livestock observed are too few to achieve any sort of logical management. Meadows reviewed were so lightly grazed that thatch was building. Wildlife do not like rank forage, they prefer lush regrowth. 3) riparian vegetation was so heavy it was very difficult walking and showed very little use. Sent from my iPad 4)in summary it appears to me the north Malhuer river area is being set up for a catastrophic fire in the near future due to mismanagement by the forest service. All the ingredients for a catastrophic fire are in place. Excessive down woody material everywhere on forest floor, very light grazing throughout the forest. A build up of old vegetation waiting for a lightning strike or a careless individual. My recommendation is remove many of the dead or dying trees and managed the forest. Increase grazing numbers to aid in fuel reduction. Wildlife diversity needs edge effect, vertical and horizontal vegetation. This can be accomplished by forest management, grazing and working with your local community to benefit and balance the needs of the forest service with the local community. The wealth of a nation are its natural resources if we fail to recognize this we will fail as a nation. Burning up our natural resources is a poor option and doesn't require thousands of forest service employees to implement. Proper management requires thought, trial and error and paying attention to what works. The one size fits all proposed option does not work. You need to reevaluate your forest plan and listen to the local people. You may consider this my input to Blue Mountain Forest Plan. Next time please send readable documents.