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Comments: The Blue Mountains Forest Plan revision would significantly change the administration of nearly 5 million acres of public lands across the Malheur, Wallowa-Whitman, and Umatilla National Forests, leading to vast logging and destruction of ecologies and habitats. If one looks closely at plans such as these we see it is from a place of greed.

Intact ecosystems provide life, longevity, and sustainable economies. This region of Oregon is known for pristine wildlife and is counted as one of the top places to visit in this state. With this it is beneficial to build economies that sustain this regions forests and wildlife. I live in the coastal range where clear cuts are vast and endless. Not only is it eroding the top soil, there is unregulated use of glyphosate which pollutes the waters, the rural communities of humans and non-humans alike. The replanting methods of these plantations are also an eye sore and a ticking time bomb for fire. I ask have you walked by or through one of these Doug Fir Plantations? The trees are packed tightly, with so many dead branches, brittle and dry.

To add the revised forest plan for the Blue Mountains proposes to reverse the Eastside Screens and PACFISH/INFISH, which have protected the last intact areas of our National Forests, mature and old-growth trees, and salmon and trout streams, respectively. The Trump Administration is reversing all of those protections and going back to the failed logging, mining, and grazing policies that were polluting our streams and pushing ecosystems toward collapse.

DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN, it is time to choose life over greed. Also, in your considerations keep this mind there is under 10% of old growth heritage forest left in Oregon. Why not protect it? There is only one Earth, lets care for our home.

Sincerely,

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