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Comments: Regarding the Ellis timber sale, I am deeply concerned by foreseeable widespread loss of suitable habitat for: Rocky mountain elk; woodpecker species[mdash]especially Pileated woodpecker and the declining Three-toed woodpecker; American marten; Northern goshawk and Cooper's hawk; Neotropical migratory songbirds; Great Gray owl; and potential Pacific fisher and Canada lynx, as well as recovering Gray wolves.

In addition, Recreational use of the area is high for bow hunting; rifle hunting; late spring through fall camping; ATV riding; hiking; Mountain bike riding; fishing and boating at Penland Lake; firewood collection; snowmobiling and cross-country skiing; and foraging for wild mushrooms, huckleberries, and medicinal plants. There are three developed campgrounds, many dispersed campsites, a rental cabin, Penland Lake, Gibson Cave, and an interpretive site at the ridge of scenic Potamus Canyon, as well as hiking trails to and around Gibson Cave through apparently never logged forest. Most of these recreational uses would be severely degraded by the planned timber sale. The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla could lose their ability to use some of their treaty rights and cultural practices in the area if such all-encompassing heavy logging takes place at such a large scale.

I urge you to cancel this sale, and help mitigate global warming and further destruction of our forests! These are PUBLIC forests that should not be sold to timber barons!

Sincerely, Kima Garrison