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I am writing to express my support for the West End Farm Bill Categorical Exclusion Project (West End) located 28 miles southwest of Heppner, Oregon in Wheeler County.

I strongly agree with the need to increase the resilience of our forests by reducing the risk and extent of the current insect and disease infestations and reducing the fuel build up from dead and dying trees to prevent further damage from fires.

I fully support the efforts of the Forest Service in Wheeler County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Shaffer".

Rick Shaffer
Wheeler County Fire Services Coordinator