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Mr,

I am a longtime resident of the Eugene area, a great admirer of the McKenzie River and its unparalleled beauty and value, and a disabled war vet.

Please consider these comments regarding the Flat Country Project Draft EIS:

- I am a supporter of Cascadia Wildlands, and I care deeply about the McKenzie River watershed, and the ancient Cascadian forests found there.
- I support adoption of Alternative 3 considered in the EIS. This option would produce timber for mills while better protecting the forest, clean water and wildlife.
- I treasure our remaining ancient forests, and strongly object to logging any old growth trees or stands. I am very concerned about the proposed logging of older native forests. Several thousand acres of mature, never-before-logged, native forests are targeted for industrial logging. While I support fire-wise thinning of old plantations, logging century-old+ forests like this does more harm than good.
- I am alarmed at the apparent return of clearcut-style extractive logging. Nearly 1,000 acres are slated for "shelterwood" harvest. While this prescription is labeled "regeneration," in actuality it is destruction of many forest values. This sort of logging is known to increase fire hazard, harm streams, and destroy wildlife habitat. Please try to find the best methods of logging that do not destroy the forest.
- The McKenzie River watershed is one of Cascadia's crown jewels. This area is incredibly rich in forest habitat, is an invaluable stronghold for salmon and trout, the source of municipal drinking water for Eugene-Springfield, and hosts amazing and treasured recreational opportunities. Forests proposed for logging here are important for a healthy watershed. The logging roads and unauthorized 4WD trails here already cause extensive damage. Please weight the watershed and recreational values highly as you plan this project.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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