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Comments: To whom it may concern.

I have lived in Lane County for nearly 30 years and have recreated in the McKenzie District for about as long. I have participated in McKenzie timber sale processes since the early 1990s and have submitted many comments since the mid 1990's on numerous timber sales.
Before moving to Lane County I worked for the Umpqua National Forest as a spotted owl surveyor. I more less resigned after 2 seasons after discovering the District Ranger was using an entire 15 person fire crew and Forest Service vehicles to deliver wood products from the National Forest for political favors for a elected official. I surmise this was a felony but no punished ensued even after he was turned in by me via whistle blower hotline or contacting the Umpqua Nat'l Forest Supervisor. Subsequently I worked for the Eugene BLM for 3 seasons and refused future employment for similar reasons.
I have advocated an end to even-age harvest methods and all forms of native forest logging regardless of the excuses to continue logging them for 25 years because it is the absolute worst thing to implement if agencies expect to bring many species which depend on native and ancient forest ecosystems to survive. However, the USDA Forest Service and Willamette National Forest seems to be deaf, dumb, indifferent, and defiant when it comes to protecting threatened and endangered species. I can't recall over the last 25 years if the McKenzie District has ever recalled or reduced the level of logging or native forest timber sales regardless of how many American people oppose it? To which I must conclude the Willamette National Forest and all its personnel who continue to support ongoing logging of native forest do not work for the best interest of the American people but only for the hand-full of very wealthy owners of large timber extraction companies like Boise, Seneca, Freres, Roseboro, Roseburg, Murphy, Frank Lumber, and Thomas Creek Lumber. Therefore the Willamette National Forest and likely all the nations National Forest agencies are in violation of the public's trust. Therefor the USDA Forest Service should be disbanded and all lands shall be granted to another agency such as the National Park Service which would protect and restore all national forest in the nation for the People.
Stop logging native forest and when logging non native stands leave at least 150 feet of stem basal area per acre remaining and prioritize leaving native diverse tree species over non native planted tree farm trees.

for the wild things

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