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Comments: Dear Shane Jeffries and the US Forest Service,

I am writing about the proposal regarding large diameter trees in Eastern Oregon.

Large trees are biological legacies that are crucial for wildlife and ecological integrity- they need protection, not logging!

I urge you to withdraw the proposal to gut protections for large trees and the wildlife species that depend on them. The Forest Service needs to cancel plans to increase large tree logging.

Increased logging of large trees will dramatically reduce the number of large snags, as far fewer large trees will be left to die and become snags in the future. It is essential to prioritize the protection of large trees and large snags in order to protect wildlife. We need to increase carbon sequestration and retain large trees and mature forests, which store the most carbon.

The Forest Service's proposal to increase logging of large trees is the wrong direction for forests, wildlife, and people.

I care about all the wildlife and health of the forest. Please protect this public good for all.

Sincerely,

Laura Allen