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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

I am writing to voice my objection to the proposed changes to East side screens project, specifically the changes to the 21-in rule.

I would like to see a full environmental impact statement, that includes climate consideration and impacts to carbon storage.

I am a fifth generation Oregonian and a fourth generation logger. I've spent my life both professionally and recreationally in the forests of Eastern oregon.

I love this land and want to be able to share it with my children, and future generations. I have seen firsthand the devastating results of "best practices". I do not believe a guideline without an enforceable standard is sufficient to protect our environment.

In a future where drought, fire, and massive beetle kill are the norm, cutting the most resilient trees destroys the forest's capacity to regenerate itself.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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