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Comments: I'm writing you to urge you to do ecologically driven land management on Mt. Hood National Forest and to tell you about my concerns with the Grasshopper Project.

I am against any portion of this project that would result in long term negative effects to the Northern Spotted Owl. In the past, logging on federal land has decreased suitable habitat and this project will also because it includes removal of 267 acres of suitable northern spotted owl habitat under alternative two. Also, the affected stand is already threatened by climate change and may be lost indefinitely if alternative two is chosen.

I'm encouraging you, urging you, to do what you can locally to address the global climate crisis. Old growth parts of the project area are at risk due to climate predictions and they also provide the highest rates of carbon sequestration. Please consider how the Mt. Hood National Forest could account for carbon conservation at the forest level and the project level.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Grasshopper Project. I urge you to continue to have meaningful public engagement on this project.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer Stout