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Comments: I'm writing to express my deep misgivings concerning the Grasshopper Project. Certain aspects of this proposal do not adhere to timber management that is appropriate and necessary to protect forest ecosystems.

This project would have negative impacts to Northern Spotted Owl populations whose habitat has been significantly diminished due to previous timber practices. The combined effects of climate change and the removal of an additional 267 acres of the environment necessary to their survival will devastate the long-term survival of these owls. That they have been on the Federal Endangered Species list for over 30 years clearly demonstrates that we have not modified forest management practices enough to adequately protect them.

This is a critical crossroads in the history of our planet. There have been many warnings over the decades since the mid-1900s about our failing stewardship of the natural world. We must move decisively to avert the global climate crisis. Old growth is highly at risk based on climate predictions. We must not lose the tremendous contribution of critical carbon sequestration provided by these ancient forests.

Please recognize the huge impacts the Mt. Hood National Forest has for carbon conservation, as well as species preservation, and act accordingly. Our own survival depends on it.

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,
Chris Berrie