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Comments: Please Don't Log the Taylor/Carter LSR

Dear District Ranger Luis Palacios,

I would like to join my voice to the many people who oppose post-fire "salvage" logging and timber plantation establishment in the Taylor/Carter Late Successional Reserve. The big old trees are our carbon sinks and our wildlife protectors. Post-fire logging in these LSR areas adds injury to injury. You know all this.

Wildfire is an important part of forest ecology in the Klamath Mountains and it should not be used as an excuse to log Late Successional Reserves in remote wildlands. These are the trees that hold onto carbon.

The significant negative impacts of salvage logging and timber plantation establishment on wildlife, watersheds, and soils are well documented and known to the Forest Service. You need to act accordingly.

Instead of pushing yet another controversial LSR logging project, why not work with communities and stakeholders to focus post-fire restoration on removing hazard trees near roads, addressing existing timber plantations, and utilizing prescribed fire and traditional ecological knowledge? It is past time for a different approach to post-fire management on the Klamath.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

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