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

Dear District Ranger Luis Palacios,

Dear District Ranger Palacios, I'm joining the content in the letter below with some personal comments. I strongly feel that clear cutting every post fire forest is the wrong way to respond to these events. Many of these forests actually recover much better if they are not clear cut. The last thing we need is another plantation forest rather than the diverse ecosystem these late successional forest contain. The Forest Service needs to develop new strategies to deal with post fire forests rather than converting everything to plantations. These new strategies must have a goal of retaining as much of the forest biodiversity as possible.

I visit the area on botanical and wildlife viewing trips and would hate to see every fire area replaced with plantation forests.

I would like to add my voice to the many people who oppose post-fire "salvage" logging and timber plantation establishment in the Taylor/Carter Late Successional Reserve.

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.

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.

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?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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