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

Dear District Ranger Luis Palacios,

This is 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. Post-fire snag provides habitat, continues to sequester carbon and downed trees preserve moisture in the soil. Every forest ecosystem needs snag for overall health.

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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