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Comments: I vehemently oppose in any way, shape, or form the proposed "Ellis Integrated Vegetation Project" to be conducted in the Heppner Unit of Umatilla National Forest.

It is unimaginable that the U.S. Forest Service would propose the removal of forest cover on 110,000 acres in the heart of the Umatilla National Forest when the world is facing an enormously challenging and ongoing climate change situation. The removal of five to thirteen million board feet of timber and undercover carbon storing species, along with irreparable damage to watershed headwater sources and the baring of thermal and security cover for all species of wildlife in the boundaries of this project would result in environmental and economic damage to the land affected by removal of the intended timber.

As a life long outdoor enthusiast who has hiked, hunted, fished, and camped in the proposed project area, I cannot imagine the impact it will have on all users of this unique ecosystem.

Surely there must be other forestry practices for "restoration" of this intended project area, or is this just a different moniker to hide the real reason for the project -the sale of timber? Will this benefit the users of the forest, or instead the logging companies and sawmills intended to participate in the "restoration"?