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Comments: Since 1991 I have worked tirelessly to protect the many inventoried and un - inventoried roadless wild areas in the Middle Fork District especially the 9,000 acre Cornpatch-Bunchgrass Ridge roadless areas, the 8,000 Acre Fuji Mt - Mt David Douglas wild area, and the 4,000 acre Mule Mt - Koch Ridge areas as well as the Fall Creek-Winberry Creek drainages of the Middle Fork District. The Cedar Creek fire and Gales Creek fire has impacted these special wild areas but only logging and road building will cause irreparable damage to them.

All trees to be felled within 300 feet of logging roads over 100 years old and/or 20 inches in diameter at breast height shall remain on site to provide soil stability and erosion control. In addition these large logs should remain onsite to create large woody barriers to future wild fires and to create wild life habitat for hundreds of species over their life as well as store vast amounts carbon in the logs and soils for hundreds if not thousands of years. Some logs felled across roads can be placed in nearby streams to provide additional habitat for aquatic species for hundreds of years

Many miles of roads should be closed and re-contoured. Roads into roadless areas that end with no trailheads or official facilities should be permanently closed.