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Dear Project Leader Lisa Bousfield,

Dear Supervisor Smith and Project Leader Bousfield,

The Medicine Lake Highlands are one of the most spectacular, geologically diverse and culturally significant places in the nation. The proposed Antelope Tennant project includes over 20,000 acres of commercial logging with heavy equipment and 8 miles of road construction on recovering post-fire soils. This project would be devastating to this special area. Post-fire logging does not contribute to the recovery of forest ecosystems. It is undeniable that a strong consensus exists among fire ecologists that post-fire "salvage" logging harms and delays forest recovery.

This is not the responsible stewardship that the American people expect of the U.S. Forest Service.

Specifically, I am concerned that the Environmental Assessment does not provide site-specific information on wildlife, soil, archeological resources, botany or other resources. Adequate data is not provided for meaningful public participation. Additionally, the location, impacts and alternatives to widespread ground-based heavy equipment use throughout the project area is not quantified, documented or analyzed.

The area is home to the Beckworth Pack of endangered gray wolves, Northern spotted owls, Great grey owls, goshawks, Pronghorn antelope and many other rare animals that have likely already been impacted by the fires.

I ask that you re-open the public comment period when the surveys, specialist reports and analysis are completed adequate to the analysis that should be performed on such an extensive project so that I and others can provide more informed input on the project.

Living trees and green forest stands that remain after a fire are critical in providing habitat for surviving plants and animals. Please do not remove living trees, especially as proposed with the "sanitation/regeneration" prescription.

I think that the Klamath National Forest could do far better in accomplishing its restoration objectives for this project. But a first step, and one in accordance with environmental review regulations, is to provide adequate data on the project area, its resources, and exactly what is being proposed, alternatives to the proposal, and how resources may be impacted by the alternatives. Please advise me when that is done, as I wish to stay informed and "in the loop."

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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