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Dear Project Leader Lisa Bousfield,

To Forest Supervisor Rachel Smith & Project Leader Lisa Bousfield;

This is absolute ludicrousness.

Why isn't this project being handled with the care it deserves???

The Medicine Lake Highlands are one of the most spectacular, geologically diverse and culturally significant places in the nation. The proposed Antelope Tennant project, that includes over 20,000 acres of commercial logging with heavy equipment and 8 miles of road construction on recovering post-fire soils, would be devastating to this special area.

Post-fire logging does NOT help the recovery of forest ecosystems. Post-fire "salvage" logging is BAD for the forest we need to maintain.

Why doesn't the Environmental Assessment provide any site-specific information on wildlife, soil, archeology, botany or other resources?

This does not allow 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.

Please re-open the public comment period when the surveys, specialist reports and analysis are completed, so that I may provide a more informed input on the project.

Please do not remove any living trees, especially as proposed with the "sanitation/regeneration" prescription. Heavy-handed industrial logging may spread mistletoe and would do more harm.

I respectfully urge the Klamath National Forest to more fully engage in the stated restoration objective for the project.

Focusing primarily upon logging activities undermines the overall objective.

Please :

- (1) avoid the significant impacts associated with extensive ground-based post-fire logging on thousands of acres;
- (2) deny the construction of 8 miles of new logging roads;
- (3) retain all living trees;
- (4) provide the maximum retention of snags, and
- (5) re-open the public comment period when the analysis is complete.

Sincerely,  
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