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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, 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 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.

I am very concerned that the Environmental Assessment does not 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. The area is home to the endangered gray wolf Beckworth Pack, Northern spotted owls, Great grey owls, goshawks, Pronghorn antelope and many other rare animals that have likely already been impacted by the fires. Please re-open the public comment period when the surveys, specialist reports and analysis are completed, so that I and others can provide more informed input on the project.

The remaining living trees and green forest stands are exponentially critical in providing habitat for surviving plants and animals. Please do not remove any living trees, especially as proposed with the "sanitation/regeneration" prescription. Mistletoe provides habitat structure and benefits to wildlife. Heavy handed industrial logging may actually spread mistletoe and would do more harm than good.

For the love of God and the children of future generations leave the fossil fuels in the ground, we do not need for to continue to accelerate the defrosting of the permafrost methane swamps inform the public to end carbon intensive practices, methane is 40xs worse than tailpipe emission, more companies need to reduce carbon emissions and take up carbon capture, reduce and then eliminate new plastic use (90% of plastic has not been recycled, clean up the Pacific garbage patch and recycle it.) forget EVs until a carbon neutral cradle to grave recycle process is complete for all EV materials, people need to reduce, recycle & reuse, bike, walk, plant trees, conserve, get OPEC, G20, U.S., & China to quintuple down on green hydrogen, COVID came from Wuhan, environmental protection laws exist for such things via strict liability like offshore oil drilling, nuclear power, CHINA OWES. RAIL,RAIL, RAIL. Trains can do so much more with less, to distribution hubs and vehicles can do final destination, build out major corridors for Rail, Water, & Power all at once, as for combustion, Green Hydrogen is the way forward, when it comes to combustion. The bankers have manipulated so much over the years, these days many people are not savvy enough to know that they have more access to money than brains...too many things are uncorked before they are ready from Clinton and the deregulation of banks that led to irresponsible leveraging, to consumer spending on trends and disposable garbage from cell phones, globalization, dotcom, to EVs, these trends have been more activity than accomplishment (Wooden) and people are leveraging their future to jump on bandwagons and the fees you roost form them is just more insult to

injury...pimping the poor, like check cashing places, from post 9/11, 0% financing for SUVs when we should have been getting off fossil fuels to the 2008 bubble and bail out and so much more for the last decade and more remarkably of late. I hope the bankers are ready for their comeuppance, too big to fail, that was stupid, more money than brains...and are chiseling people for more fees, work on educating the public so that consumers make prudent long term decision instead of trillions in student debt and thousand dollar cell phones and gimmicks and trends that do not help them in the long term...we have a crisis of impulsivity and the free dealing of cheap money is fueling stupid spending. Essentially the Death Penalty and Abortion are the same, the taking of life. Be the leader who brings this to the public to get their head around...so many are perplexed in their reasoning and divided on both issues while contradicting themselves in fact the reasoning in both should be the preservation of life, leave the animals alone, we are supposed to protect those who cannot protect themselves, stop hunting tourism. Save the foxes and the water and air, people cannot seem to help themselves with overspending, pop culture, social media... Many of the influencers are terrible, even Harris Ranch sold its cattle, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-08-25/infrared-cameras-detect-methane-leaks-across-romania>

I respectfully urge the Klamath National Forest to more fully engage in the stated restoration objective for the project rather than focusing primarily upon logging activities, which would directly and cumulatively result in significant impacts to the environment. Please avoid the significant impacts associated with extensive ground-based post-fire logging on thousands of acres and the construction of 8 miles of new logging roads, retain all living trees, provide the maximum retention of snags and re-open the public comment period when the analysis is completed.

Sincerely,

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