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Comments: Dear stewards,

I'm an Oregon resident who works in the forests of this state and enjoy backpacking in the Eagle Cap wilderness.

I'm writing to voice my opposition to any regeneration harvesting as well as any treatment other than non commercial thinning in native or never logged forests. I support only treatments which truly enhance wildlife habitat (especially for late seral species) and provide for maximum long term carbon sequestration.

Given that the vast majority of forests in Oregon, both public and private, have fallen victim to short sighted economic greed (clear-cuts) at some points on the last 80 years, any forest that hasn't yet met this fate should be prioritized for preservation.

The scoping documents claim that logging in this project is designed to prevent potential future disturbance, yet we all know that the treatments you are proposing will guarantee profound disturbance: logging causes soil compaction, soil erosion, loss of habitat, killing of wildlife, introduction of noxious weeds, loss of carbon storage, habitat fragmentation, increased stream temperatures, etc.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis and live in a state with truly exceptional potential of carbon sequestration.

We should be managing public forests for carbon sequestration and wildlife, period. The logging industry has had it's slice of pie and it's time to kick their interests off the table for good. After all, they have unhindered permission to clear cut the vast private forests of our great state with no recourse.