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Comments: To Whom it May Concern:

As an Oregonian and avid hiker, camper, and backpacker, I have recreated and intend to continue to recreate in the areas impacted by the Morgan Nesbit Forest Resiliency Project. The landscapes of Hells Canyon and the Eagle Cap Wilderness are simply incredible. A photo from the Eagle Cap Wilderness has been the background on the last three phones I have owned- not a photo of my family or pets, a photo of a beautiful landscape of mountains. This area, its remoteness, rugged beautiful, native history, and ecological diversity makes it one of the most beautiful places in the world.

This is why I encourage the Forest Service to protect old growth forests and prioritize habitat for fish and wildlife in this project. Any proposal the Forest Service produces should consider the complexities of this landscape, as well as the communities outside of the local interests that have an interest in preserving this landscape, including Tribal Communities, environmental NGOs, and outdoor recreationalists, like myself, that enjoy visiting.

The Forest Service should not build any new roads in places that fragment ecosystems, have been proposed for protection, or roads that are very steep (due to landslides and cumulative environmental impacts from landslides). The Forest Service should not prioritize industrial forest uses in these areas. This place is too precious to destroy.

Sincerely,
Apollonia Goeckner