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Comments: I am an avid hiker and I have a particular care and love for our forest landscapes. I had a memorable hike in the forest lands near Joseph. I am writing with concerns about the Morgan Nesbit Forest project.

Science overwhelmingly points to the importance of large, mature trees in the fight against climate change. It is imperative that all mature trees within this project are protected.

This area is rich with fish, wildlife and plants. It's vital that this project maintain landscape connectivity for our wildlife. Likely routes for wildlife are within our public lands. This project is in the heart of a diverse wildlife landscape. Wildlife needs and habitat must be prioritized. No new roads which will fragment the landscape should be built.

How is this project compatible with the 1976 designated protection of the Hell's Canyon National Recreation Area? I oppose any logging within the HCNRA.

I ask that all values and perspectives, aside from commercial logging, be given equal weight. This includes the Tribes, conservationists, visitors and our wildlife. Public lands are used, enjoyed and valued by all US citizens. They belong to us all.

Please honor this tremendously diverse and complex landscape with a thorough analysis and decisions based on sound science.

Thank you for your consideration.