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Comments: My name is Jessica Bass, I live in Enterprise, Oregon, and I have a deep respect and admiration for Hells Canyon and the Eagle Cap wilderness. I work as a mule and horseback outfitter, and have been packing in and out of the area for several years. I do not support the Morgan Nesbit logging proposal because I believe it will have a net negative impact on critical wildlife habitat and the ecology of the forest. Large clear cuts are not the way to manage fire suppression - especially logging of big, old growth forest. These forests hold an intrinsic value to both local people and visitors to the area, not to mention countless migrating wildlife that depend on roadless, non-fragmented corridors to move through. If the true goal of this proposal is to protect these beautiful old forests from fire, I hope that the forest service will prioritize thoughtful and ecologically sound thinning, protect large and old trees and focus less on extraction. I urge the forest service not to log on steep slopes, or places that have already been proposed for protection. There are many more mismanaged areas that have already been heavily logged, over grazed and fire suppressed. If this incredible area undergoes the same treatment it will create more problems and less resiliency.