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Comments: As an abundant, biodiverse region where the ecosystems of the Northern Rockies, high desert and Blue Mountains meet, the proposed Morgan Nesbit Forest Resiliency Project affects an area home to an array of endangered fish, plants, and wildlife, including some of the most remote, wild habitat possible for American gray wolves in the lower 48 states. The proposed clearcuts, construction of 23 miles (!) of new logging roads, large tree logging, and aggressive thinning in previously unlogged, roadless forests are hallmarks of destructive, industrial logging. As is often the case with Eastern Oregon logging proposals, rather than any kind of "restoration" dubiously needed for an otherwise largely wild, and frequently roadless area, it appears the Forest Service may be dismissing more pressing restoration needs like damage from cattle grazing and destructive large to medium-diameter logging. I am opposed to this project. I ask that forest manager honor the tremendous biodiversity and complexity of this landscape with a thorough analysis and ecologically sound proposal, leave big trees and mature, old-growth areas untouched, and prioritize habitat for fish and wildlife as well as the inherent carbon sequestering climate values of our forests as they are - worth more standing.