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Comments: Hello,

I like to recreate on the Wallowa-Whitman NF, and enjoy visiting friends in the beautiful Pine Valley area near Halfway.

I'm concerned that the Clarks Vegetation Management Project would disrupt wildlife habitat and connectivity, impact the recreation experience, and cause a detrimental impact to the viewshed of this beautiful area.

I know some of the logging is planned for an Old Growth Management Area, and combined with the recent judgement that the Forest Service violated bedrock environmental laws when they amended the Eastside Screens rule, I ask you to remove the Old Growth Management Area from the proposed project, and protect all trees over 21". We need to protect all the old growth we have as these stands of trees offer important habitat and carbon sequestration.

Thank you,

Renee Patrick