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Comments: The wilderness areas in our national forest are in big trouble. I think the proposed New Land Management Plan for Old Growth is not our best choice for the wilderness nor for our national forests. There is so little of these great areas of biodiversity left, but the new management plan for old growth marginalizes them. We need more wilderness now more than ever. We need to try a whole lot harder to save what so little is left. Plus, We have no idea what is in store for us with the climate changing so rapidly. Science if not humanity may really need the natural places someday.

There are so many natural places that are being overrun with humanity (i.e. national parks, the Wallowa mountains, Alpine Lakes wilderness in Oregon, the Enchantments in Washington). I think the national forest system should be looking to expand the wilderness areas and not be trying to diminish them. Plus, I think there should be recovery zones. Areas that may not meet the wilderness criteria but can be saved as natural recovery areas that are to be protected from the onslaught of society.

Why is the forest service so involved with the destruction of the national forest? When they should be practicing good stewardship instead?