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Comments: Good Morning,

I would like to submit a comment on DRAFT Preliminary Need to Change Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Plans.

The Need for Change document does not reflect the communities comments regarding the current direction of management for the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests. The Draft Need for Change document leans heavily into environmental preservation and walks away from the economic resiliency of a working lands model of public lands management.

I would ask that the revision team review the comments by the people of the region from 2016 to 2018 regarding the last attempt to revise the plans and develop a Need for Change that reflects the needs of the community to manage these lands in a manner that generates a economically viable product from these lands supporting communities in the, while improving vegetative communities and increases overall access to the lands instead of restricting motorized access.

Please do not adopt his Draft Need for Change document until public meetings are held with the public to assess if the identified Needs for Change truly meet the communities needs.