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Comments: I am a graduate student at Oregon State University and I study water resources. My colleagues and I study water quantity and quality and many of us are affiliates of the USFS. Culling USFS research and development projects (e.g. spotted owl bioacoustics monitoring) further threatens already threatened and endangered species. This is a regressive step back toward a version of the USFS that existed before the 1970s, one that was defined primarily by timber harvesting. I previously worked for the Aquatic and Riparian Effectiveness Monitoring Program, an interagency effort to characterize the ecological condition of watersheds across California, Oregon, and Washington. It sounds like this program may also be on the chopping block in the upcoming weeks. I ask that those who are responsible for determining the livelihood of these programs think wisely about what might be undone here. A loss of protections for ESA species does not only warrant injunctions, but it sets a precedent for further dismantling of natural resources protections. Please do not leave indelible marks on our forests because of an executive administration shift that will be here and gone within a 4-year span. It is foolish and unconscionable.