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Comments: Dear USFS Representative'

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the potential logging activities proposed within Oregon's Willamette National Forest and California's Klamath National Forest, specifically the areas with endangered species. As a dedicated advocate for the preservation of our natural resources, I urge you to reconsider or halt any logging operations in this area, which plays a crucial role in the local ecosystem and contributes significantly to the broader environmental health.

The Klamath and Willamette National Forests are home to a diverse array of wildlife, including several species that are either endangered or at risk of endangerment. In addition to its biodiversity, the forest offers important ecological services such as carbon sequestration, water purification, and soil stabilization. These services are vital to the health of our planet and the well-being of future generations.

Logging activities, particularly those that are unsustainable or poorly planned, can lead to irreversible damage to these natural systems. In particular, I am concerned about the following:

Biodiversity Loss: Logging can fragment habitats and disrupt the ecosystems that many species rely on for survival. Many rare and endangered species depend on the mature forests found in [the area], and logging could further threaten their populations.

Soil Erosion: The removal of trees and vegetation leaves the soil vulnerable to erosion, especially in areas with steep terrain. This can result in sedimentation in nearby streams, harming aquatic life and reducing water quality.

Climate Change Impact: Forests are critical in mitigating the effects of climate change by storing carbon. The proposed logging would release significant amounts of carbon into the atmosphere, exacerbating the environmental challenges we are already facing.

I strongly believe that forest management practices should prioritize conservation and sustainability, and I respectfully request that you consider alternatives to logging that can achieve the goals of ecological preservation while respecting the values that many of us hold dear. I would appreciate it if you could provide information on any public comment periods or opportunities for community involvement in this decision-making process.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I trust that the USFS will carefully weigh the environmental and social impacts of this decision, and I hope that you will take steps to protect our forests for the future.

Sincerely,

Eva Mathew