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Comments: I am commenting on behalf of the Breitenbush Cabin Owners Association, representing the owners of 71 recreational residences in the Breitenbush Forks and Devils Creek tracts in the Detroit Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest.

70 of the 71 cabins were destroyed in the 2020 wildfires and through mid-2023 the SOPA for rebuilding the destroyed cabins, project 62136, showed progress through scoping with a decision expected by May of 2024. Toward the end of 2023 the project status was changed to "on hold". Despite repeated requests as to the reason for the hold, none was given. Email and voicemail to the District Ranger asking for updates has not been returned. When questioned at town halls, we were told informally that the hold was due to a "consistency review".

I have thoroughly researched the DEIS and have found nothing that would be inconsistent with a decision allowing rebuilding in any of the four alternatives. This is an existing land use that has been in place for several decades.

On behalf of the cabin owners within these tracts, I am asking the Forest Service to expeditiously proceed with allowing the rebuilding of these cabins.