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Comments: Hello, my name is Rebecca Haas. I live in Portland, Oregon, and own a cabin located five miles outside of Government Camp that is surrounded by Forest Service Land. Our forest land is a precious and vulnerable resource and should not be compromised in the search for non carbon energy sources. Why potentially harm forest ecosystems and wildlife, when there is abundant, cheap access to solar energy?

For the following reasons, I urge the Forest Service NOT to lease the nominated parcels to the BLM.

--I demand that the USFS fulfill their trust responsibilities by conducting meaningful consultation with relevant Tribes, specifically the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

--¼ of the proposed area is designated as Late-Successional Reserve (LSR). These areas are supposed to be managed to "protect and enhance conditions of late-successional and old-growth forest ecosystems."

--Exploration and development of these parcels, even with stipulations, would have negative impacts on late-successional ecosystems and species.

--95% of parcel ORORO-70802 contains designated northern spotted owl critical habitat, 41% of parcel ORORO-70803.

--I recommend that the USFS NOT lease parcel ORORO 070802 because of critical habitat for spotted owl and the high percentage of older forest

--High potential to spread invasive plant species through increased vehicle traffic and ground disturbance.

--Much of the surrounding area (including portions of the parcels) burned in the 2020 Lionshead Fire. Exploration and development on these parcels could negatively impact these sensitive post-fire ecosystems.

--There is designated critical habitat for coho salmon and steelhead trout within the project area, and just downstream of the project area there is designated critical habitat for Chinook salmon.

Thanks for your attention,
Rebecca Haas