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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am deeply concerned about attempts to open these lands to geothermal development. While I am a proponent of geothermal energy in general, this area is wholly inappropriate for any sort of commercial development. Much of this area is extremely remote and very difficult to access in the winter. The lands here have burned severely in fires in 2020 and 2021, and the land is still in the process of recovering and regenerating. Any commercial activity here would set back this area's ability to recover naturally and disturb natural processes already at work. It would also further drive wildlife out of this corridor, further damaging the ecosystem. I've spent a lot of time exploring this area and I can say that I look forward to watching it recover over time from the fires. The parcels of land here that remain unburned also deserve the opportunity to remain pristine, having also been at least somewhat logged in the past. Please take this opportunity to say no to any commercial development in this remote and beautiful place.

Sincerely,

Matt Reeder

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