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Comments: I am writing to oppose the inclusion of Parcel OROR 070802 in the proposed project for geothermal exploration and development in the Mt. Hood National Forest.

This is designated critical habitat for both Coho salmon and Steelhead trout as well as for the endangered Northern Spotted Owl. Surely there are other areas of private land that can be purchased for such exploration that do not contain precious old-growth forest ecosystems.

Using public lands for profit and ruin seems counter to the purpose of protecting public lands. There are many other ways to de-fossilize the United States' need for energy.

Let's put the funding in the correct direction - protect public lands while supporting solar and wind development.