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Comments: Hello USFS,

I would like to share some of my concerns about the proposed geothermal leasing project. First and foremost, has the BLM or USFS consulted with the Federated Tribes of Warm Springs regarding the management of this project? I believe this would be a serious breach of the Federal Indian Trust Responsibility and the Tribal Action Plan if the project went ahead without the guidance and consent of the local tribes.

Furthermore, there are several sensitive species in designated critical habitat residing upon and downstream from the project area, making the development and operations of this project particularly damaging to the protections in place for chinook, coho, and steelhead fish. There is also a serious problem in the proposal in the offering of parcel 70802, which consists of 95% Spotted Owl habitat. This sounds like a violation of the Endangered Species Act. Can you tell us why parcel 70802 is included, as well as why other protected areas have been included in this offer?

Thank you,

James