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Comments: I am commenting on the Lost Lake Late Successional Reserve Acreage Swap.

I am a resident of Portland, Oregon and recreate in the forest known as the Mount Hood National Forest on a regular basis. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposal to swap land along Lost Lake out of the LSR and other land in the area into the LSR. Overall, I support the need to manage the Lost Lake recreational area for wildfire risk, especially as it is a popular recreation area with only one road out of the area. The Lost Lake area is a great resource for the public to access the outdoors, including a beautiful lake and view of the mountains. While I recognize the need for managing this land for safety, I am curious about the seemingly opaque process that led to this designation swap. The two units suggested for incorporating into the LSR are quite different, and while the unit along Waucoma Ridge contains potential to become a late-seral forest, it is harder to see that potential in the unit on Lost Lake Butte. Since the Lost Lake Resort is a private concessionaire, and the unit selection is not well explained, I would like to see some more explanation and reasoning of the process and how these units were selected. I would also like to ensure that the forest collaboratives in the region and the indigenous people of this region are consulted and support this decision.

With some more documentation of a thorough process, I would likely support this designation swap.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for considering my comment.