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Comments: I am writing to submit a public comment on the Lost Lake LSR Acreage Swap Proposal. I live in Oregon and have been camping and hiking in Mount Hood National Forest for my entire life. I want to be sure that people in our community are a part of decisions that will impact these areas. The process of this proposal seems as though it lacked transparency and community input-both for the proposal itself as well as the intention behind it.

I support adding more land to be designated as LSRs, and I support revision of the management of Lost Lake, but I do not support either of these without thorough, public community conversations, including tribal input. It is important that the land that is newly designated as LSRs be land that the community and scientists believe would benefit from this designation. Additionally, the intention and decisions for management of the Lost Lake area should be much more transparent and informed by discussions and feedback.

I ask that the Mt Hood Forest Service withdraw the current proposal and instead include the community, tribes, and local scientists in accessible, public conversations that give opportunity for input and revisions for a future proposal.

Thank you,
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