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Comments: Re: Blue Mountains Forest Plan.

Short and sweet- I'm a hunter, fisher, backpacker, and outdoor enthusiast. Maybe that's saying it lightly. All I think about outside of my commitments and responsibilities is getting out in the wild. The Blue Mountains are some of my favorite haunts.

- Mule deer need help, drastically. The recent ODFW commission meeting spoke to this, and the biologists stress that it is habitat (groceries, cover, water) that is holding them back.
- Elk numbers are ok, but largely dependent on private lands. Again, habitat.

How these two and other creatures can benefit from management from whatever means the district biologists deem the best, should be followed. Whether that's thinning, burning, rd closures, reserving timber stands, etc.

Thanks, go Blues!