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Comments: The Blue Mountains matter to hunters, anglers, and the towns that depend on them. I ask the Forest Service to write a draft plan that balances habitat, opportunity, and local economies.

That means:

Set elk habitat and security goals in each watershed so elk stay on public land through the season and beyond.

Use active projects-timber work, thinning, fire, weed control, riparian fixes-when they improve habitat.

Write clear conditions that keep elk cover and allow needed road access for hunters, landowners, companies, and fire crews.

A plan that secures elk, manages habitat, and balances access will protect hunting, ease conflict on private ground, and keep these lands working for sportsmen, Tribes, and rural communities. The old plan is 30 years past due. It's time for change.