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Comments: The Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forest in Oregon, referred to as the Blue Mountains National Forests have been an incredible part of America the Beautiful. To ensure future generations can take in the beauty of these forests, a revised Land Management Plan should be adopted. In doing so, I would strongly encourage you to include language in the plan addressing continued access to regional airstrips with these forests, including Reds Horse Ranch (68D) airstrip, and others. These airstrips provide a unique way to access the remote parts of these forests and allow users to take in their natural beauty and backcountry activities that are not accessible without aviation. Commercial and Recreational Aviation have used the airstrips within the Blue Mountains Forests since the 1930's. Let's ensure future aviators have the same access as their predecessors by ensuring aviation activities are allowed on these public lands and clearly stated in the new Land Management Plan.

Further these kind of airstrips are often managed and taken care of by Aviation Organizations outside of the US Forest Service. This allows USFS funds to be allocated to other projects.

Please support airstrips within the Blue Mountains National Forests. Thank you. From an aviator, a United States Citizen, and a tax payer!