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Comments: The Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision must prioritize strong, enforceable protections for wildlife, water, mature and old growth forests, and carbon storage!

I urge you to:

- * Strengthen, not weaken, protections for wildlife, mature and old forests, streams, and carbon storage.
- * Include clear, enforceable standards with measurable objectives in the revised Forest Plan.
- * Analyze and adopt the the system of forest reserves proposed for the Blue Mountains by several prominent scientists in the peer-reviewed paper by Law et al. in 2022 entitled "Strategic Reserves in Oregon's forests for biodiversity water, and carbon to mitigate and adapt to climate change."
- * Protect imperiled species (wolves, wolverine, lynx, moose, bull trout, salmon).
- * Maintain large, connected habitat blocks to ensure survival and adaptation.
- * Keep and strengthen the 30-year-old standards protecting large trees.
- * Protect large trees that provide fire resistance, wildlife habitat, clean water, and carbon storage.
- * Preserve and strengthen Riparian Management Objectives.
- * Keep and expand no-cut stream buffers.
- * Protect drinking water for 90% of western communities.
- * Reject backcountry and post-fire logging-it doesn't protect communities.
- * Focus on home hardening, defensible space, and preparedness.
- * Let forests grow as part of the climate solution.
- * Recommend all qualifying roadless areas for Wilderness protection.
- * Reduce road densities that harm fish and water quality.
- * Cut livestock grazing by 25-40% in sensitive areas; maintain closed allotments.
- * Prioritize forests' role in storing carbon and buffering climate change, and
- * Adopt a new model that protects ecological integrity and biodiversity

Thank you for your consideration.