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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Austin Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement. My family and I have been using the Crawford Creek and Summit Creek areas of the Malheur for over 50 years, and I am asking for clearer disclosure and more thorough analysis in the DEIS, especially regarding motorized access. The proposed shift to designated routes and stored roads would greatly limit how local residents-especially families like mine-can access and enjoy these public lands. For us, motorized access is not just a preference but a necessity. We gather firewood, hunt, and enjoy time outdoors together. With two handicapped children and three elderly grandparents, our only way to experience these areas is by vehicle or ATV. Restricting access to only certain roads would severely reduce our ability to use these public lands, which have been open and accessible for generations. The DEIS does not clearly explain how these new access limits are necessary to achieve the project's stated Purpose and Need. There is little detail on why closing or restricting so many roads is the only or best way to meet the project's goals. The document also lacks clear, enforceable direction to ensure that motorized access for local residents and rural communities is maintained. This is especially concerning for household needs like firewood, as well as for emergency access and public safety. If the intent is to protect resources or improve forest management, that connection should be plainly shown with specific maps and tables, not left vague or assumed. Limiting access now also sets a precedent for even more restrictions in the future, which could further isolate rural communities and make it harder for people with mobility challenges to enjoy public lands. It's not clear how this action is truly necessary to meet the stated purpose, and the analysis should explain why less restrictive options would not be sufficient. I urge the Forest Service to provide clear, specific disclosure of which roads are being closed or restricted, explain how these changes are required to meet the project's Purpose and Need, and fully analyze the impacts on local residents, especially those who depend on motorized access. All roads should be open to motorized use so the public can continue to access and enjoy these lands. The public deserves a transparent process and the ability to comment on all the facts before any decisions are made.