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Comments: Hello,

I am a concerned Oregonian writing to express my opposition to the logging plan in the Malheur Forest. This is a rushed process with very little public input and it is irresponsible for the Forrester Service to move forward with their destructive plan.

Old growth is a treasure and this plan allows for the cutting of trees larger than 20 inches in diameter. This affects both habitat and the carbon sink. Trees like this do not grow overnight, and should be protected.

The plan also allows logging in Riparian Habitat Conservation Areas that are in place to protect our waterways and fish.

It pushes the boundaries of clearcuts by Highway 26, which will be an eyesore to locals and visitors.

Also, it threatens habitat of elk, as well as trout and other fish.

Please press Pause on this project, and put more thought and care into how to proceed forward to protect our natural world, habitat, and recreation areas. This plan is short-sighted and will most likely profit a few to the detriment of the citizens of Oregon and their offspring,

Thank you for reading and considering my opposition to this plan.

Sincerely,

Cory Bettinger