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Comments: Hello,

I am about 80 pages into your revisions document, thank you for providing that for Oregon residents to read. I understand that taking more timber and building roads under the Alternative 2 could have the long-term effect of protecting these forests in the Eastern Oregon range for the long term, especially as unpredictable natural patterns lean into more severe consequences as we experience climate change. The Pacific Decadal Oscillation plays an important part in the forest growth process, and I am curious to see through the eyes of scientists how this will shape our Eastern forests over time. Starfish are just now recovering after over a decade of disease in our coastal waters, is this a sign of change in that pattern?

Stepping in to take timber at a fast pace that may be lost due to forest fires in the near future seems like a reasonable step to take, as thinning out forests with careful selection of timber specimens could actually benefit our forests, people, wildlife, and local weather in the decades to come.

It is hard to make this decision, as I am sure most Oregonians want to protect the forests, rivers, and everything else in the ecosystem, including our own species. I lean towards greater environmental protection, but I understand that part of prevention is management, and management strategies that require destruction are a Catch 22.

As a resident of Oregon for the last two decades, I saw my native state of Louisiana reshaped by a natural disaster in the aftermath of a hurricane. I chose to leave at that time, and I would like to see our lands taken care of more than they are taken advantage of in whichever alternative is chosen.

I see in these proposed alternatives that many considerations are being taken for the restoration and protection of old growth trees, riparian areas, and sensitive species that exist on the land under consideration. Thank you very much for involving scientists and statistics within historical data as much as possible in making this decision.

I would support Alternative 2 IF riparian restoration is carefully attended to, IF selective thinning is done by the best possible candidates, IF profit is not the determining factor for decisions, and IF road construction is performed with a minimum disturbance to wildlife.

Thank you for listening.