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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the proposed construction of strategic fuel breaks on National Forest lands above the Wallowa Valley near the Eagle Cap Wilderness. I am particularly concerned about the permanent physical alteration of this landscape and the potential for fuel breaks to fragment habitat and introduce ongoing mechanical disturbance along the wilderness boundary.

Before any ground-disturbing work is approved, the Forest Service should conduct a full NEPA review that thoroughly evaluates impacts to the Eagle Cap Wilderness, wildlife habitat, natural fire ecology, soils, water, and the undeveloped character of this sensitive area. The agency should also demonstrate that these fuel breaks will provide meaningful protection to nearby communities without creating greater long-term ecological harm.

I believe the location matters as much as the stated purpose. A fuel break placed directly beside a designated wilderness is not simply a line on a map-it can become a permanent edge that changes how the surrounding landscape is managed for generations. The Forest Service should not establish that precedent without fully considering reasonable alternatives, cumulative impacts, and the long-term consequences.

Please include this comment in the administrative record and do not proceed with construction until a full and adequate NEPA analysis has been completed.

Sincerely,

Robert Grandy