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Comments: I am writing this letter regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision. I strongly oppose Alternative 2 and call upon the Forest Service to select Alternative 3. By the agency's own data recordings, opening 722,000 roadless acres is not necessary to meet the timber objectives, yet Alternative 2 commits the public to new road construction and permanent maintenance costs on top of a staggering \$8.6 billion deferred maintenance backlog the agency cannot fund anyway. I ask that the roadless protections and the large tree diameter limit be retained, and that the final EIS fully analyze the long term cost of new roads, the net fiscal return to the public, and the increased human caused wildfire ignition risk that expanded road access brings. Please keep these acres protected.

Thank you.