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Comments: The Sawtooth National Recreation Area matters to me. I want to see the mountains of Idaho, where my aunt lives. I love birding and want to see the yellow-billed cuckoo and greater-sage grouse, which make their home here. If this goes through, these two species are federally endangered/threatened and would be harmed by environmental damage caused by post-fire logging.

I oppose this action as proposed, and I ask the agency to weigh the specific harms below.

I ask the agency to respond to each of the following issues in the record:

1. The Wapiti Post-Fire Recovery Project proposes timber harvest in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, a protected landscape where logging should be scrutinized carefully before approval.
2. Hazardous fuels reduction and road work in the 2024 Wapiti Fire area can disturb recovering soils and vegetation before natural regeneration has had a chance to establish.
3. The Forest Service should demonstrate that proposed timber harvest in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area serves genuine ecological recovery rather than commercial extraction.
4. Road work proposed under this project risks causing erosion and long-term habitat fragmentation in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area post-fire landscape.