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Comments: I am writing about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision. I oppose Alternative 2 and urge the Forest Service to select Alternative 3. By the agency's own analysis, 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 an \$8.6 billion deferred maintenance backlog the agency already cannot fund. 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. As these land grabs get federally approved without a vote of the people, the tandem consequences will be close to irreparable. Wildfire risk begets erosion risk, drought risk, habitat destruction and gentrified costs to existing community resources. Please keep these acres protected.

Thank you.