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Comments: My husband and I spent our careers as biologist/guides in ecotourism. We also worked as backcountry rangers for the National Park Service and as waterfowl researchers. We know the critical importance of wild country. These places provide unparalleled recreational opportunities, protect wildlife, store carbon, protect watersheds, and provide employment opportunities. I am firmly opposed to any increase in logging as described in the proposal. Oregon's forests provide unparalleled recreational opportunities, protect wildlife, store carbon, protect watersheds, and provide employment opportunities as well.

Our remaining wild lands and wilderness resources play a crucial role in maintaining ecological integrity and protecting cultural resources. It is imperative to uphold strong management standards to safeguard these invaluable public lands.

I urge you to prioritize long-term preservation over short-term exploitation by maintaining robust management policies. Any weakening of these guidelines would endanger millions of acres and jeopardize our natural heritage. It is essential that the final policy directives continue to preserve the wild essence of Oregon's public lands.

Thank you for considering my concerns.