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Comments: Hello, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I live two miles from a wilderness area. The quiet, non -motorized character of the place is an incalculable asset for our community.

That said, I recognize the importance of fuels reduction in the wallowa -Whitman forests.

As an avid elk hunter and wilderness advocate, and a builder, I am aware that timber harvesting is an integral part of forest management.

I would encourage the department to allow selective timber harvesting in these areas, with the stated goal of minimizing impact to the landscape, and maintaining a long term commitment to foot/horse access. The roads constructed to access the harvests should be decommissioned immediately upon completion of the project, with no further motorized access allowed.

Thanks again

James Hood