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Comments: Dear Decision Makers:

Please set a management plan that is appropriate to the Blue Mountains. Look at the diversity of all the types of trees and bushes and grasses in the area. Overlooking, with the goal of increasing tree cutting 2-3 x/s that it is now, means cutting the old growth and mature trees. These are very important to a numerous group of birds. Cutting them will only then result in more endangerment to their habitat.

The Blue Mountains are Oregon's largest eco-region and one of the most significant conservation opportunities in the Lower 48 - home to the deepest river gorge in North America, the state's most complete assemblage of big wildlife, the largest intact bunchgrass prairie in the country, and the only forested corridor linking the Rockies to the Cascades. It is critical that this is remembered when this plan is drafted and implemented. PLEASE please please do not destroy this habitat for the sake of harvesting more lumber or putting in more roads. Vote your conscious so that your legacy can be remembered as one that cared for the lands, not EXPLOITED them!