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Comments: The Blue Mountains are a big part of my family's life and my community. For years, these forests have been my escape. I've spent a lot of time exploring from Pomeroy to Baker City and back, and I know how special and quiet these areas are. Lately, I've seen more and more roads getting gated off, and it is extremely frustrating. This is not an area overwhelmed by heavy traffic-just a peaceful place for people like me who want to get out and explore. It's important for the Forest Plan Revision to protect and maintain all existing motorized access, and to restore access where it has already been reduced. Roaded and historically motorized areas must not be shifted into more restrictive management that would take away long-term public access. There is already plenty of wilderness that is closed off on the east end, and we do not need more restrictions on land that people in this area have always had a right to use. The plan must also support active forest management, fuels reduction, and dependable emergency access. With the wildfires we've seen in the last few years, keeping firebreaks and access roads open and maintained is vital for fighting fires and keeping everyone safe. The Forest Service must protect current access and reopen the roads that have been closed in recent decades. Don't add more restrictions or take away access that local people depend on for work, recreation, and safety.