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Comments: I am writing from the perspective of a multi-generation ranching family in Grant County. We run a cow/calf operation and hold a grazing permit on the Malheur National Forest. This permit is essential to our business and our family's ability to keep ranching. Grazing on the Malheur Forest not only supports our operation but also plays a role in reducing fine fuel loads and supporting the local agricultural economy. My main concern is how the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision could affect usable grazing opportunities and the access we need to carry out ranch work. It is not enough for the plan to simply mention working uses like grazing; those uses must be supported on the ground with real, continued access and conditions that allow us to do our jobs. Without reliable road access to our allotments and the ability to use them as we have in the past, our operation and others like it could be put at risk. The Forest Plan must include grazing at or above current levels and guarantee continued access for permit holders. The final plan must keep working uses truly available-not just on paper, but in everyday practice-so local families like ours can keep contributing to the land and the community.