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Comments: I live in Oregon and when I ask people why they live here, they most often say "because of the forests" or "because it's so green." Our forests are a source of pride and identity and they deserve to be stewarded with integrity.

Since these forest plan revisions will impact approximately five million acres in eastern Oregon and southeastern Washington, it is vital that the Forest Service listen to the public in this process and consider the long range impacts of the Forest Plan.

The proposed treatments in the revised plan will have lasting implications for the climate, biodiversity, and clean water for generations to come. Rolling back safeguards for big and old trees, mature and old forests, wildlife habitats, streams, and water quality will have disastrous impacts for Oregonians. What we do to our environment will affect us.

I want strong protections for our forests; I oppose rolling back or reducing protections, as is currently proposed. These protections were put in place in the '90s for a reason. There is no rational justification for removing them.

I want strong, enforceable, and mandatory standards that protect wildlife, clean water, carbon, and ecosystem integrity in the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision.

We need strong standards to protect forests, not more logging, roading, and livestock grazing. The proposed revisions are a move in the wrong direction.

Taking the job of stewarding our forests seriously means protecting the longevity of these ecosystems and the vital role they play in keeping our planet livable.