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Comments: As an Oregon resident who regularly enjoys spending time in our national forests I am very concerned about the proposed Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision.

The protections our forest have are more critical than ever as rising temperatures and other factors degrade our forest ecosystem. I am very concerned about the rollback and weakening of protections for the forest ecosystem in the current plan.

The forest plan revision should include strong, enforceable, and mandatory standards that protect wildlife, clean water, carbon, and ecosystem integrity. It shouldn't include increased logging.

The current plan revision calls for a dramatic increase in logging, theoretically to reduce wildfire risk. This includes in riparian areas, roadless areas and logging of mature trees. In my extensive time hiking and camping in Washington and Oregon's national forests I've seen the detrimental impact of this kind of logging, and in our continually worsening wildfire seasons we've seen the failure of this strategy.

Instead the forest plan revision should retain and strengthen the protective standards currently in place for wildlife and water quality. Including:

- Retaining and strengthen existing Riparian Management Objectives for stream habitats and water quality.
- Retaining and strengthening standards to prohibit logging of large trees of over 20" in diameter at breast height.
- Retaining and strengthening the standards that protect wildlife connectivity
- Retaining and strengthening the standards that protect blocks of mature and old forests. Do not do away with Old Growth forest designations, as is currently proposed.

Oregon and Washington's identities, and the identities of Oregonians and Washingtonians are bound up in our forests and wilderness areas. The person I am today was shaped by the time I spent immersed in our wilderness. This wilderness is a major factor in our quality of life in Washington and Oregon.

To that end all areas that are eligible for wilderness designation should be proposed for wilderness.