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Comments: I am writing to you as a person who lives within 1000 feet of a wilderness area and uses it every week. I do not like your current Blue Mountains options. First of all, the plan is going to remove science-based protections for riparian areas. These wetter areas are critical for clean water and wildlife habitat. I would like to see strong standards based on science that protects these riparian areas.

Second, you want - again - to cut large trees. Research has shown that large trees (over 21 inches) are less than 3% of the forest, but sequester 42% of the carbon - an outsized benefit of large trees. I want to retain these trees.

I want to keep the current Blue Mountains Plan - it protects large trees and riparian forests.