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Comments: Public lands are OUR lands. They are not a means for enriching the billionaires in mining. The forest is home to many species that need our protection. Relaxing roadless rules will ensure that this vital, wild land will be destroyed for short term gain.

This is unacceptable.

Dear Regional Forester Eric Watrud,

We are concerned about the future of the Blue Mountains and want to see it protected and stewarded for future generations. The Blue Mountains are one of the last expansive places in America to remain intact and wild. This forest plan revision provides an opportunity

to protect and conserve the Blue Mountains, and unfortunately, the current proposed revision continues to prioritize extraction over conservation. We urge you to reconsider this revision and protect the Blue Mountains.

The Blue Mountains hold immeasurable value ecologically, economically, and culturally. The Blues are a unique connectivity corridor supporting the vital migration of large mammals, fish, and birds. Outdoor recreation and jobs have sustained and supported our

cities and towns, which also rely on the mountains for crucial storage and retention of clean water. Indigenous peoples have stewarded the Blue Mountains since time immemorial. The plan must support Tribal consultation, treaty rights, sovereignty, and Indigenous-led

conservation.

The current revision eliminates the Roadless Area and enforceable fish and wildlife habitat protections. Ignoring the science and decades of community input that created these protections leaves our wild places and our communities in the hands of the highest

bidder. We urge Forest Service leadership to protect the Blue Mountains from the privatization of our public lands, the elimination of conservation protections, and the removal of the public's voice from decisions about the future of our shared landscapes.

The protection of the Blue Mountains is our legacy for future generations; they deserve clean water, clean air, and wildlife supported by a healthy climate.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Eyler

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