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Comments: I am a resident of Halfway, and I rely on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest to provide firewood and hunting opportunities for my family. I use the forest responsibly and respectfully, and I am deeply concerned about the direction of the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision. Open access is the single most important issue for me. The Wallowa-Whitman is designated as an "open travel forest," and that must not be changed. The final plan must protect and maintain the existing motorized access and must restore access where it has already been reduced. Roaded and historically motorized areas must not be reclassified into more restrictive categories that limit long-term public use. It is not acceptable to keep reducing what the public can access. The final plan and its analysis must be transparent. The public deserves to see how the plan was developed, who was involved, what information was used, and how local concerns were addressed. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) must clearly compare the proposed alternatives with the 1990 plans so that everyone can see what is increasing, decreasing, or changing. The analysis must also recognize household use, local dependence, family traditions, rural jobs, and the need for access for older, disabled, and less-mobile people. The Forest Service must remove firewood diameter restrictions and eliminate all the so-called "roadless" areas that restrict public access. Attempts to further limit travel need to stop. Old-growth and large-tree management direction must allow for active management and clearly explain how any restrictions will impact forest health, treatments, and access. I am frustrated by what looks like backroom deals and a lack of genuine public involvement, especially with the Blues Intergovernmental Council (BIC). The public should not be cut out of decisions about our own land. The Forest Service must listen to local people and protect the access and uses that rural communities depend on.