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Comments: Dear Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision Team,

As a retired forester from the U.S. Forest Service, I am opposed to the proposed changes in the 2026 Plan Revision DEIS

The Blue Mountains is a wild, unique place that is one of the gems in Oregon. I strongly recomment against increasing logging and targeting mature and old growth trees. These trees are crucial for birds and other wildlife. Increased logging, including

thinning operations, will negatively impact birds and other wildlife, and should not be prioritized over habitat considerations.

I urge you to analyze and adopt an alternative which:

Protects mature trees and forest stands, leaving in place the "21 inch rule".

Prioritizes ecosystem health over commercial logging. Pointedly, this does not mean using wildfire to justify commercial harvest. Wildfire treatments should only be undertaken when and where absolutely necessary, should prioritize prescribed

and cultural burning, and should be guided by the best available science.

Prioritizes habitat connectivity across the management area.

Includes explicit protections for Inventoried Roadless Areas as they currently exist, and expands wilderness protections.

Includes management plans for species of conservation concern.

Includes a plan to manage the landscape for greatest carbon sequestration benefit.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sarah Butler