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Amber Ingoglia,

I support and recreate on public lands. It is important that public lands be open and accessible for all users in order to gain the full benefits and what public lands were intended for. I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback for the 54 North Fuels

Reduction and Huckleberry Restoration project and support active fuels and vegetation management within our national forests. I support the Forest Service's proposal to thin overstocked stands, treat hazardous fuels, and reintroduce prescribed fire across

this project area. Decades of fuel buildup have made this part of the Blue Mountains increasingly vulnerable to large, uncontrolled wildfire. Active management, thinning, targeted burning, and follow-up maintenance, is the proven way to reduce that risk before a fire forces the issue.

I support the project's approach to roads: maintaining the approximately 156 miles of National Forest System roads needed to carry out this work, using temporary roads and reopened closed roads only as long as necessary, a

Sincerely,

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