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Comments: To: Forest Supervisor David Myers, Attn: Cindy Dias From: Michael Mei, 6316 Dunsmuir Ave
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I am writing to request your consideration to help maintain the Bolete mushroom environment and population in the areas of Pilgrim Creek. My family has been in Siskiyou County since the early teens of 1900. My grandparents hunted mushrooms in the Pilgrim Creek area and the yearly family excursion has been passed down 4 generations. Our family recipes have always included the Bolete in pasta sauces, risotto and soups. We have eaten them sautéed and pickled and of course we dry them.

Over the past few years the mushroom environment and population in the Pilgrim Creek area have been negatively impacted by the clearing of trees. Without the tree roots this fungus cannot grow because the trees are an important component of the soils chemistry. There is an amazing interaction between two different biological species. The Bolete is difficult to cultivate and probably impossible for the common person to even try. The areas of concern are the closing of the road at the top of the Elk Flat that runs East West (41n52). Your last logging here destroyed all of my spots that were close to the highway. I would like you to consider leaving these roads open for mushroom season only and change the ways the area is being logged and thinned as to not destroy the mushroom beds.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.

Michael Mei

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