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Comments: To whom it deeply concerns,

As a citizen of this country and a local in the most remote corner of the state of Oregon I have extreme objection to the threats against my home and my community, and the motion to destroy the largest wilderness corridors in my backyard and across the states this "revision" includes.

I can't even fathom how being an influence and deciding power for the forest service leads to actively unraveling all the progress made to protect and preserve the greatness of our wild lands. You are attempting to ravage and bleed these landscapes for short term profit, causing detrimental desecration of these corridors that shelter fragile ecosystems, watersheds that we all depend on, timber that is made for creating the air we breathe and the creatures that have no say in this matter.

This is why you are trying to rescind the roadless rule. So that you can have access to these places and remove their barriers so you can line your pockets. These lands are not sustainable to be extracted, mined, logged, clearcut or in a better word pillaged.

What will happen if you allow your inner evil to continue this path is that you will drastically increase the risk of wildfire, pollution, water contamination, break migratory paths, landslides, habitat eradication, threatening species populations and push many many more people on the list of folks who despise you.

On a personal note, I live at the end of the road NE Oregon. Wallowa county resides on the border of the Wallowa-Whitman national forest. We have the largest wilderness area in the state, with a very small group of hardworking people who choose to live remote because of our accessibility to these mountains, rivers and prairies. What keeps this community alive are the estimated 800,000 tourists that come here to experience this paradise. What would threaten our economy and way of life is to lose access to our gateways and the destinations they lead to. The map showing the blue mountain revision goes on the edge of town. So yes, this is as personal as it gets.

What is so bewildering is that the people in positions of power are the people who I guarantee never step foot in the places they want to destroy.

The next generations deserve to experience these places as we all have before. I'm going to fight with every fiber of my being to protect my family, community and the ground I walk on.

To whoever reads this I hope that my words and the ones of everyone else opposed to this change your way. I actually encourage you to come visit and see what the fight is all about, it might make you want to put the dynamite down.

If you don't have the time I have selected my favorite photos I've taken to show you the environments you are threatening!

I sincerely hope you heal from whatever part of yourself makes you believe this is okay. I highly recommend touching some grass and going on a walk with a view.