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Comments:

Thank you for accepting my comment.

The scale of the Blue Mountain Forest Resiliency Project is too large to address the impacts of the proposed logging activities.

The proposed logging and other mechanical "treatments" cover diverse forest habitats that will each be impacted differently, yet the scale of the proposed project (1,270,000 million acres) does not allow for the Forest Service to adequately describe or analyze site-specific or cumulative impacts. Thus, the public's ability to raise issues by evaluating a detailed proposal is limited. The Forest Service must address this by narrowing the focus of proposed activities.

This project must address the oversized road network in the Blue Mountains.

A large-scale project is the perfect opportunity to make on-the-ground progress toward an economically and environmentally sustainable road network. If this project truly aims to make our forests more resilient, the agency must address roads' tremendous impacts to water, fish, wildlife, and ecosystems, impacts that are well documented in scientific literature. This project should identify the minimum road system needed and return unneeded, expensive and deteriorating forest roads to the wild.

Thank you.