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Comments:

Hello I am opposed to the Blue Mountain Forest Resiliency Project for the following reasons:

1. The size of the project and prescribed treatment is too large and therefore cannot analyze site-specific potential impacts. A one-size-fits-all prescription does not address the diversity of forest types and habitats found within the project area.
2. Any restoration project proposed for these national forests must address the costly and ecologically damaging existing road network. This proposal needs to analyze the minimum road system needed for the project, and include mileage for roads to be permanently decommissioned. Building of any "temporary roads" should be dropped from the project.
3. Restoration or fuels reductions is not needed in mid to high elevation forest types that historically support high tree densities and have evolved with moderate to high severity fire regimes. The science does not support this proposed restoration activity.
4. High-severity fire should not be classified "catastrophic" but rather important to ecosystem function and resiliency.
4. Logging of any old growth forests in the project area should be dropped. Removal of old-growth weakens forest resiliency and robs important habitat for numerous species, therefore, reducing forest biodiversity.
5. There should be no road building, use of mechanical equipment or development in any inventoried roadless areas in the proposed project. Places like the Tiger Creek Roadless Area provides crucial habitat for numerous imperiled fish and wildlife species including bull trout.

Please contact me to verify that you have received my comments. I live in Idaho but frequent eastern Oregon wildlands for recreation and renewal.

Thank you.

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