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To Whom It May Concern,

I live in the southwestern end of the Blue Mountains and have direct concern with the fire danger of this area. I am overall pleased that action is being taken to reduce fire danger. I do have some concern that the plan is too broad and opens areas to logging in what seems to be an excuse to log rather than an attempt to reduce priority areas in danger of conflagration. Specifically, riding from Spray to Heppner it is apparent that there is a large area drastically in need of immediate thinning. Many parts are relatively flat and can be remedied without substantial road impacts.

Other areas brought under your broad sweep seem to include roadless areas, old growth forest, and steep streamside habitats that would be adversely affected by more road building and logging. Please focus the plan more specifically on high priority low-impact areas.

Sincerely,

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