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Alternative #2 preferred

Overall, Plan #2 is an ecologically responsible plan because it cuts almost enough timber per year to fulfill the O&C law which helps to provide jobs and support for rural communities. However, I have some concerns with this alternative:

Concerns

- **Keep Owl Activity Centers on TMAs:** I'm not clear exactly what constitutes an owl activity center but I'm very clear that wherever Spotted Owls are nesting or are found in these areas, they should be protected — whether on TMAs or not. This is a federally endangered species and protection is mandatory.
- **Retain some green trees:** I don't like that Alternative #2 provides for no green tree retention. I favor, at a minimum, six to nine trees per acre.
- **Save some noncommercial trees:** Trees such as Red Alder will benefit the fir trees by fixing nitrogen into the soil. This kind and others should be saved wherever possible.
- **Penalties for logging companies:** There should be significant penalties for companies that violate BLM rules and guidelines such as cutting too close to streams.
- **Replanting:** Whoever replants needs to be held accountable to check periodically to make sure new trees are growing and if necessary to replant as soon as possible.
- **BLM printed material confusing:** In "Comparing the Alternatives," Vol. I, p. XLVIII, the figures do not match up with figures in the legends on the big maps. It's confusing because I don't know which figures to believe.

Conclusion

On the whole, you've done admirable work on this EIS. I especially think that your **riparian area guidelines are excellent!**

Sincerely,



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