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Comments:

On behalf of the Molalla River Alliance, these comments are submitted:

- 1) A successful Resource Management Plan should be science-based. It would strive to protect, preserve and enhance our resource lands while providing for sustainable harvests and diverse recreation activities.
- 2) As much as possible, The BLM should collaborate with other federal, state and local agencies and organizations to develop and implement RMPs that are consistent with other resource management strategies.
- 3) The appropriate mix of old, mid-aged and young forests on BLM lands is a science-based issue. The appropriate mix will vary dependent on the unique characteristics of the forested tracts in question.
- 4) In collaboration with other federal and state agencies and interested organizations, the BLM should develop and implement more strategies and activities aimed at improving habitat for fish and wildlife, and particularly in contributing to recovery of ESA-listed species.
- 5) Forest thinning and fuel removal are appropriate management tools in protecting property while making forestlands more fire resistant.
- 6) Maintaining clean water and safe drinking water are critical priorities; maintaining cold streams and rivers is equally vital for fish recovery.
- 7) A diverse range of low-impact, non-motorized recreational opportunities should be offered on BLM lands to contribute to and develop growth of the local economy
- 8) BLM can further contribute to local economies by instituting "buy local" policies wherever feasible and by supporting recreational tourism through marketing and outreach activities.