

In the Comment Box, paste your personal comment by using the template below (or craft your own from scratch).

Please consider these comments on the Aloha Trout Forest Management Project.

I am...

Examples:

- Your profession (teacher, nurse, contractor, grocery store clerk, etc.)
- Your age, race, religious affiliation, gender identity, etc
- A relevant personal story
- *My name is _____, I am a retired fourth grade teacher from Alsea, Oregon. I am a 65 year old daughter of a timber family, whose livelihood has been reliant on the extraction of timber for four generations. I have a deep appreciation for the natural world and am appalled at the rapid rate that these forests have been cut...*

My primary interest is/I care because...

Examples:

- *I/my family/friends use this area for nature appreciation, hiking, camping, birding, mushrooming, etc...*
- *I am a youth and am worried about not having healthy, intact forests when I grow up...*
- *Forests like this are a major reason why I live here...*
- *I am concerned about climate change and recognize the values that forests provide for carbon sequestration and storage...*
- *I am concerned about species who depend on these forests for habitat, including northern spotted owls and marbled murrelets...*

I visited _____ units and saw...

Examples:

- *Describe the stand structure, average tree age, canopy layers.*
- *Talk about any special habitat, animal signs or plant species you saw.*
- *Roadless areas or decommissioned roads.*
- *Anything you saw in the field that did not align with BLM maps/documentation.*
- *Any unmarked waterways or roads not on the BLM maps.*
- *Any old growth forest or forest with legacy structure.*

My general concerns regarding the Aloha Trout proposal are...

Examples:

- *The drainage is a breathtaking, rugged landscape. It provides home imperiled species who have limited habitat next to the neighboring industrial forestland that is being aggressively clearcut. The public forests proposed for logging here are some of the best remaining older forest in our area, and the stands not currently already at ideal conditions are rapidly maturing toward that state.*
- *On the hierarchy of restoration methods, passive restoration is best. It is most cost-efficient, environmentally beneficial, and least risky. Please consider and implement passive restoration measures, such as closing roads, designating reserves, and implementing careful monitoring.*
- *While this sale contains many younger, dense, single-aged stands that could benefit from thinning to open up the canopy, many stands in this sale are ideal late successional forests that already embody the desired conditions hoped for. No logging should occur in stands that already contain legacy structure and exhibit the desired conditions for a late successional forest.*
- *This forest contains a great deal of suitable habitat for the Marbled Murrelet, a now state-listed endangered species and some known nesting sites. All suitable habitat must be identified and buffered out of any logging operations that occur in the sale.*
- *The existing forest in this sale has higher value than the analysis appreciates. These stands are most valuable for carbon storage, clean water, wildlife and recreation. Impacts to these important values as a result of logging must be seriously considered in any analysis of this project.*
- *This sale is large in size and scope. Volunteer field surveyors have found unmarked waterways, suitable habitat for endangered species, and pockets of old growth forest slated for commercial logging within this sale. We request the BLM provide detailed, site-specific information on the condition of each stand proposed for treatment and additionally utilize input from volunteer surveyors who visit these sites.*

I look forward to your response to these comments, and request that you notify me when a decision is made.

Sincerely,

[name]

[address]

[contact phone/ email]

(___) See Attached additional information (e.g. photos, field notes)