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Dear Mr. Roden,

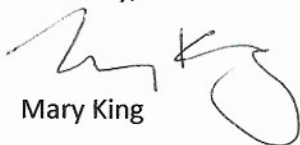
As a frequent user of the Mt Hood National Forest, I would like to offer the following scoping comments on the proposed Zigzag timber sale. I am very concerned that this area should continue to be restored rather than harvested. As a resident of Hood River, I am acutely aware of the critical need for wildfire risk reduction. However, while I support thinning and understory control, I oppose any clearcutting in the proposed Horseshoe and Mud Creek areas.

I am particularly distressed by any proposed removal of mature forest resources in riparian areas, and by proposed construction of new roads. As I see the adverse effects of logging on steep slopes in areas being logged near where I live, I am glad to have the opportunity to voice my concerns and encourage the Forest Service to adopt more appropriate alternatives.

I am deeply appreciative of the Zigzag Ranger District's restoration efforts and progress toward reversing the damage done by historic logging in the Salmon and Sandy river watersheds. My husband and I frequently hike, snowshoe, camp and mountain bike throughout Mt Hood National Forest. We value the visitors who share our love for the forest and their economic contribution to our region. Clearcutting and harm to our watersheds diminishes the recreational value of the forest, which may negatively affect the outdoor recreation industry that is vital to our local businesses.

Amending the Mt. Hood National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan to address the impacts of climate change is imperative. Rather than removing timber, I hope you will use this opportunity to allow these resources to remain in place, and to continue to restore and improve forest health and continue salmon and steelhead recovery efforts. The question is not can we remove trees in the proposed areas, but should we.

Sincerely,



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