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Submitted by email to erik_stemmerman@blm.gov and cindy_enstrom@blm.gov

RE: Supplemental Scoping Comments for the Airstrip Timber Sale (5410 ORS040)

Dear Ms. Enstrom,

Please include these additional comments to our submitted comments from about two weeks ago. I understand that the allocated public comment period for scoping has closed, however we felt this information was important to include in with the project file.

It has been brought to our attention that there are known populations of tall bugbane (*cimicifuga elata*) in the southwest corner of unit 7B. Tall bugbane is a candidate species for protection by the state of Oregon. The population of this species are believed to be low or declining and the habitat is sufficiently threatened and declining in quantity and quality.



Additionally, a Canadian endangered plant report on the species states that "the increasingly fragmented landscapes of the forests of the Pacific Northwest threaten the continued persistence of this species" and that "populations of *C. elata* are notably absent from young 15-30 year-old managed stands, and re-colonization into these sites may be unlikely due to the low reproductive success and the poor dispersal ability of this species." (Penny, J.L., and G.W. Douglas. 2001. COSEWIC status report on the tall bugbane *Cimicifuga elata* in Canada, in COSEWIC assessment and status report on the tall bugbane *Cimicifuga elata* in Canada. Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada. Ottawa. 1-15 pp.)

We will expect to see surveys included in the forthcoming environmental assessment to assess the potential impacts from logging on this species.

Sincerely,

Amy Harwood
Program Director