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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
EUGENE DIVISION

CASCADIA WILDLANDS, an Oregon
non-profit organization, **OREGON**
WILD, an Oregon non-profit organization;
and **UMPQUA WATERSHEDS**, an Oregon
non-profit organization,

COUNTIES,

Defendant-Intervenors.

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND
MANAGEMENT, a federal agency,

DECLARATION OF
ASHLEY JERNIGAN

Defendants,

AMERICAN FOREST RESOURCE
COUNCIL and ASSOCIATION OF O&C

Case No. 6:24-cv-01641-MTK

I, Ashley Jernigan, declare as follows:

1. I have been a member and supporter of Cascadia Wildlands since 2019. For the past seven years I have regularly volunteered with the organization. I am over the age of 18 and reside in Eugene, Oregon.
2. Cascadia Wildlands advocates for vast old-growth forests, rivers full of wild salmon, wolves howling in the backcountry, a stable climate, and vibrant communities sustained by the unique landscapes of the Cascadia bioregion. Cascadia Wildlands defends these places in the forests, in the courts, and in the streets.
3. Since moving to Eugene, I have spent countless days in federal forest lands, exploring the iconic forests of Western Oregon. Whether hiking, camping, foraging, birding, backpacking, or just driving along forest roads, I have greatly valued the scenery and ecology of the forest.
4. As a concerned citizen and Cascadia Wildlands volunteer, I regularly have gone out to proposed timber sales on public lands, including the Blue and Gold Project, to hike, enjoy the area, and field check the proposed project.
5. On Sunday, May 3, I attended a camp out near the Blue and Gold Project's Mean Mustard Timber Sale and noticed equipment and signage that made me suspicious that active logging operations were taking place within the sale. I was under the impression that seasonal restrictions on logging would have prevented any current logging activities.
6. On Sunday, May 10, I returned and hiked into Unit 1, EA Unit 24-6-7B of the Mean Mustard timber sale, where I found a large portion of the unit had been logged. This

logging unit intersects with an occupied spotted owl site. It appears more logging has yet to take place in this unit and throughout other portions.

7. I noticed that multiple trees well over 40" diameter had been logged, including both old-growth trees marked for retention by BLM and those without marking. These trees were plainly over 170 years in age. Logging of old trees had taken place both within the area of the proposed spur road, as well as throughout the entire unit. In one instance, I found a tree with a diameter of 67" at the base of the tree (note that I was unable to measure diameter at breast height because the tree had already been cut). Below are a number of the images taken on this visit to document the logging.
8. I am extremely concerned about the impacts that this logging will have on the local ecology, including threatened and endangered species such as the marbled murrelet and northern spotted owl. This logging is extremely harmful to my enjoyment of this area which I will continue to visit regularly.
9. Below is photo of my GPS application demonstrating I am within logging unit 1 of the Mean Mustard sale.



10. Below is a photo of an unmarked, felled old-growth tree within the unit.



11. Below is another photo of a felled, unmarked old-growth tree measured with a diameter tape that is approximately 67 inches diameter at the base of the stump.





12. Below is a photo of a felled marked old-growth tree that BLM had marked for retention.



13. Below is the stump of the above pictured logged old-growth tree marked for retention.



14. Below is a photo of staged logging equipment and an isolated marked leave tree in the middle of a large logging unit opening.



Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 11th day of May, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop and several smaller loops and strokes.

Ashley Jernigan