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I believe that there are many influences on our legislators both power and money that make it difficult for the small voices to be heard. The proposal to gut funding for OFRI is short sighted. The forest service is unprepared to address the issues that OFRI has been addressing for decades . A balance has been created that will be undone forever if this proceeds . It looks like a giant land grab ,as it probably is. OFRI answers questions,provided education ,creates an avenue for sustainability that the forest service is unprepared to deal with?!? Why is everything kept in secret form? Why one strike at land ownership after another?! Please don't be so short sighted that you don't see the value that is now with OFRI - that would be like the decision to pull all of the trees out of the rivers and streams to" enhance fish habitat" only to find that it was counter productive as the small fry didn't have a place to hide from predators . Then 20 years later put the trees back in ? To be 1 million hours old you have to be 114 1/2 years old. You are using up valuable time for a mistake that may never be able to be corrected?