

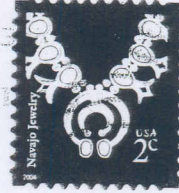
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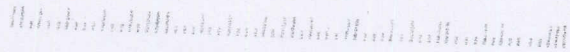
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Under the Preferred Alternative of the Western Oregon Plan Revision, several square miles of Old growth around Alsea Falls will become Timber Management Areas, which we know means they'll probably be clear cut. These stands are a small part of the 25% increase in Timber Management Areas and 31% decrease in Late Successional Preserves throughout the Salem District, whose plan resembles those of other districts. These stands are valuable intact as fish & wildlife habitat, as drinking water purifiers, and for many other ecosystem services both known and unknown.

Please instead harvest timber by thinning BLM plantations, which offer 2 billion board feet of commercially valuable timber.

I strongly advocate and urge you to select the No Action Alternative.

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