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I wish to add my comments to your draft western regional plan revision.

- When I read your documentation I am left with the impression that the no alternative option is equivalent to maintaining the status quo. Yet I do not see an explanation of the huge job loss (3770) from no action. Seems to me that there would be no net gain or loss of jobs if we kept the same timber production level.
- Economic priorities always seem geared to protecting/providing the largest number of jobs or the largest volume of timber. Nowhere is there any discussion of the future worth of the forest land under BLM management in a scenario where timber harvests are postponed in order to increase the value of the forests to a future generation.
- I get present values of alternative #2 in the \$890 million range depending on rounding of the net revenue figure.
- Your discussion on the no action alternatives mentions 2 lawsuits that may "force your hand" towards one of the alternatives. Why take action now? Under these pressures the best alternative is the no action plan. Why spend money implementing a plan that may not survive more than a year or two?

Thank you for listening to my comments.

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