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Comment on the DEIS for the Revision of the w. OR RMP's.

On page 698 of the DEIS, the effects of each alternative on fishers are addressed. I am very concerned about the lower percentage of natal and foraging habitat under each action alternative. The fisher population has declined dramatically and it is now quite rare, so I think every effort should be made to provide for them. In addition, I would like to know if there are monitoring data for fishers.

While there are only two recognized population centers on the Medford District, fishers are very wide-ranging animals; ~~and~~ could ^{they} theoretically be found anywhere on the district? Brian Doyle, writing in *Licetone*, tells of encountering a fisher outside the population centers, but still in Oregon.

In conclusion, any revision of the resource management plans should err on the side of providing more habitat for the rare fisher, not less. Until a self-sustaining population with many population centers is established and verified by monitoring data, the BLM will not have complied with its duty to provide for this important species, correct?

Sincerely Yours,

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