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Western Oregon Plan Revisions
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Dear Sirs:

I'm a professional forester and I'm opposed to the Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR) that the BLM is currently proposing. First of all, this proposal is not a responsible solution to the budget shortfalls facing western Oregon O & C counties. Several years of accelerated cutting in the few remaining stands of mature and old growth Douglas-fir will put us in a situation worse than the one we're in now, with no better sources of revenue, and severely degraded older stands. On the other hand, aggressive management of second growth stands will allow less spectacular but stable long term revenue production without the destruction of older forests. Second, this plan represents a significant departure from the Northwest Forest Plan. In WOPR the BLM is renegeing on a sound, scientifically based, and responsible agreement made in good faith with entities throughout the region for a short term source of income for O & C counties and profiteering opportunities for that small segment of the timber industry that hasn't adjusted to the realities of the dominance of second growth. In terms of fiscal responsibility and sound forest management, the WOPR is off the mark. Please oppose this plan.

Thank you



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