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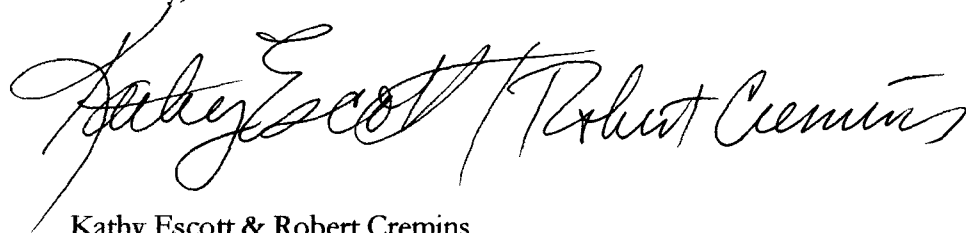
Our recommendation for the BLM-WOPR is to "no action".

There are many concerns about the BLM preferred alternative (Alt. 2), but paramount among these are two major considerations: Preserving old growth and preventing forest fires. It is essential to preserve the last of Oregon's old growth forests, especially against the practice of clearcutting. Clearcuts not only damage soil and water, but replanting creates same-age forests that have been proven to be prone to forest fires. We also support upholding the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act and Oregon's water quality standards.

Our state must develop other economic avenues such as tourism and stop the wanton destruction of what the tourists come to Oregon to enjoy. No trees, no recreation and no scenery. Short term flooding of the timber market lowers prices and puts even more loggers out of work eventually. It just doesn't make sense to step up production now when there are so many economic uncertainties.

Please consider a "no action" policy until such time that a better, more reasoned alternative may be developed.

Sincerely,



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