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CC: Oregon Congressional delegation
Re: BLM Western Oregon Plan Revisions

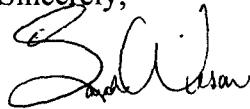
Dear BLM,

What the Bush Administration is proposing to do with the WOPR is NOT ok. The Northwest Forest Plan is vital to the protection of the millions of acres of national forests in this beautiful state. It is NOT ok that the Administration's new plans will pollute the water (which it will) and degrade habitat for important species like the Pacific Fisher and the Siskiyou Mountain Salamander. I moved here to Oregon very recently, in large part because of the state's beauty – the mountains, the forests, the outdoors. I have been hiking and camping all over southern Oregon and love to raft down impressive rivers like the Rogue. From the perspective of someone who first came here as a tourist and decided to move here permanently because of my love of the outdoors and the state's appreciation of and care of nature, what you are letting happen is tragic. Do you know what it is like to come to what you think is the wilderness and see instead barren hillsides where there were once beautiful forests? Or to drive through a national forest and see a line of trees alongside the road and behind nothing but clearcuts?

I am very disappointed that you are even thinking about the idea of opening up these once protected public lands to defunct and outdated logging practices. Isn't there a better way? Haven't we already begun to see progress with small-scale restoration projects? You have to admit these types of forward-looking projects are better for all of us.

Please help protect us. I am putting my faith in you as a public agency to NOT let this profit-driven administration rob us of our heritage. Please, please stop this whopper of a tragedy now.

Sincerely,



Sarah Wilson