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Bureau of Land Management  
Attn: Western Oregon Plan Revision Office  
333 SW First Avenue  
Portland, OR 97208

Dear Sirs:

We are writing to express our strong objections to the new Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR) "Preferred Alternative", which would boost logging of old growth trees on BLNM lands by 700%. Not only must we continue to protect our endangered species, such as our spotted owl and marbled murrelet plus the over 300 other species of plants and animals associated with our old growth forests, but we also need to protect our wonderful and scarce residual old growth ecosystem itself.


If one of the alternative plans results in clear cutting 110,000 acres of Oregon's old growth and the building of 1000 miles of new logging roads every decade it will be at the expense of threatened and endangered species and water quality. Furthermore it will ignore the role that these forests play in regulating climate. Let us keep our wonderful old growth forests and roadless areas for future generations in Oregon and for those who visit us here. Old growth in most of the eastern states of this country is long gone.

We prefer the No Action Alternative. The BLM can thin their many overstocked tree plantations, which could offer more than 2 billion board feet of commercially valuable timber. Most Americans are in favor of thinning second growth forests to protect rural communities from wildfire and to protect our ancient forests.

Please save our beautiful, wonderful, most special Old Growth ecosystems. We must stick with the Northwest Forest Plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Josephine and Peter von Hippel