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Sustainability is a word bandied about for eco-cachet as if it has no meaning. Included below are three definitions from three organizations.

Defining this term, sustainable, is important because it bears on how the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages public lands. On the cover and first inside page of the BLM's Summary of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR) BLM quotes the Oregon and California Lands Act of 1937, explains the principles of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and supports the revision of its Resource Management Plan of 1995 (RMP), reporting that each is based on principles of "sustained yield" or "sustained flow."

"Sustained yield - The yield that a forest can produce continuously at a given intensity of management." (BLM RMP)

"Sustained yield is the achievement and maintenance in perpetuity of a high-level annual or periodic output of the various renewable resources of the public lands consistent with multiple use." (43 United States Code [USC] section 1702[h]). **Multiple use** . . . takes into account the long-term needs of future generations . . . with consideration being given to

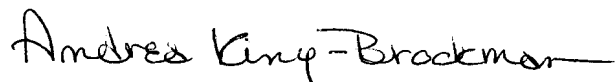
the relative values of the resources and not necessarily to the combination of uses that will give the greatest economic return or the greatest unit output." (43 USC section 1702[c])

"Sustainable forest management is the stewardship and use of forests and forest lands in a way, and at a rate, that maintains their biodiversity, productivity, regeneration capacity, vitality and their potential to fulfill, now and in the future, relevant ecological, economic, and social functions, at local, national, and global levels, and that does not cause damage to other ecosystems." (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)

Does BLM have a record of managing forest lands sustainably? Does the WOPR bring real alternatives to BLM's land management practices?

"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them." (Albert Einstein)

To support BLM's WOPR is to ravage Oregon's last stands of forest based on dead-ended economic claims couched in double-speak. Sustainability, on the other hand, is good for our health.



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