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Bureau of Land Management, Western Oregon Plan Revisions Office,
333 SW 1st. Avenue, Portland, OR 97208

Re: BLM Western Oregon Plan Revisions

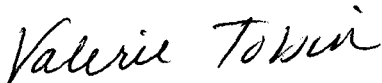
Dear Bureau of Land Management,

I was dismayed to read about the details of the Western Oregon Plan Revisions. I am asking you to protect my state and region from a federal plan that ignores the Northwest Forest Plan, and will lead to water and air pollution, damaged habitat, and more conflict.

One of the things that drew me (and draws other professionals like me) to Oregon is the beautiful forests of our state and all the benefits they confer for pristine air, clean water, a temperate climate, and recreation. We should be cutting down on driving – not increasing it with over 100,000 miles of new Off Highway Vehicle Emphasis Areas. This will further kill off already threatened species; hurt our water, air, and climate quality; and take away non-motorized recreation - something many of us in the state especially enjoy.

What is most disappointing is that there is an alternative that can promote job growth, protect our communities, and protect our forests. Thinning second growth forests will safeguard communities from wildfire and protect Oregon's treasured ancient forests. It also helps the economy by providing wood to local mills while actually improving conditions for fish and wildlife. It keeps saws out of precious old-growth forests. *This is a win-win situation and one our state deserves!*

Sincerely,



Valerie Tobin, Nurse Practitioner and proud Oregon resident

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