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Dear Director:

Please consider the following comments on the draft Western Oregon Planning Revisions (WOPR), addressing management of 2.5 million acres of the "Oregon & California lands." We have visited this part of Oregon, and we have friends who live in the Rogue Valley a few miles from the nearest O&C lands.

The wilderness recommendations in the draft WOPR fall far short of the need. Our friends have hiked in the proposed Wild Rogue Addition and know it to be highly qualified for wilderness status. Out of 146 inventoried areas, BLM has only recommended five areas as wilderness in the plan. This must be strengthened by adding Wild Rogue Addition, Bull of the Woods/Opal Creek Additions, Clackamas Wilderness, Coast Range-Wassen Creek, Reuben Creek, Wellington Mountain, Williams Creek and Whiskey Creek.

Please abandon any thought of revoking the old growth forest reserves of the O&C lands, as proposed in the draft WOPR. We feel fortunate to be part-owners of the O&C lands, as they are a national treasure held by the United States government for all of us. Please bear in mind they are not owned by the state of Oregon, nor by the counties. *National* values are at stake.

Although logging has been done on most of the O&C lands, there are tracts of old growth forest still intact. These were recognized and protected in the Northwest Forest Plan, approved in 1994, which set up 800,000 acres of "reserves" that are not to be logged. They are needed to sustain the salmon and steelhead, elk, and the ancient forest ecosystem. Your planning revision threatens to open these up to logging. Please keep the old growth reserves.

Thank you for this opportunity to participate.

Sincerely yours,

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