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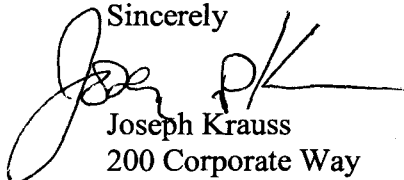
The three alternatives that have been presented by the BLM do not address the intended purpose of the O&C Act. They do not manage the land for the intended use of timber production. A majority of the land is still set aside for listed species when in reality this land should be available for timber harvest. Even though alternative 3 is a big step forward from present management and objectives, an alternative 4 should be constructed and evaluated that maximizes the total amounts of available volume and the receipts that would be generated with this volume as well as evaluated how that money would effect the local government and economy.

The plan must make sure that when implemented it provides the same amount of revenue that the counties have received through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-determination act.

With increasing fire intensity, the BLM not only has the perfect opportunity to generate revenue with increased logging they have an opportunity to safeguard our O&C lands to future catastrophic wild fire.

In the past, there have been problems with programs that are not properly funded. When the plan is finalized, congress and the administration need to make sure that the funding is available to fully implement the plan.

Sincerely



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