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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing out of grave concern regarding the Western Oregon Revisions Plan. I can see so many reasons why this plan is ridiculously inappropriate. Climate, for one. Global warming is no longer a theory but is happening, apparently due to our human-caused CO<sub>2</sub> output. It worries me when scientists at government agencies don't accept the overwhelming amount of evidence and consensus of the scientific community outside the government. Anyways, it seems like it should be your responsibility to preserve as many forest ecosystems as you can, since they are repositories of CO<sub>2</sub> and emitters of oxygen. Not only that, but think of all the burning of fuels in the chainsaws, logging trucks, and helicopters that will be worsening the problem of global warming. It's time for policy to catch-up with reality.


Our remaining old-growth forests also ensure premium water quality and, consequently, healthy fish populations. (Don't you already know this stuff?) They are ecosystems, diverse & complex, homes to countless species, some endangered. Another concern: gas prices and the fact that there is only a finite amount. And what about public opinion? Do you actually think that the BLM, a branch of our democratic government, is free from the hassles of democracy?! The public, who thinks they have a say in these matters, wants our remaining forests protected.

The solution? Instead of being the bureau of logging & mining, try Land Management. Previously logged lands need thinning, and fuels reduction. Who knows, you might even be saving us some money. I hear timber sales on public lands

end ~~of~~ up being at the expense of the government.

Please consider these comments in your decision making.  
Thanks.

For the forests,



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