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Edward Shepard  
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Dear Director Shepard:

I wish to urge that the BLM accept alternative II as presented in the DEIS. It is imperative that the BLM manage these lands for timber production as required by the O & C Act, and not include them as part of a reserve system designated to recover a threatened or endangered species.

The plan must also seek to maximize the amount of land in timber production which in turn would increase receipts to local county government.

Also the plan should include:

1. Timber Sale revenues equal to previous funding as provided to the counties by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.
2. BLM should be managed to minimize the threat of wildfire on all lands, public, state or private.
3. The BLM should maintain access for recreational use, such as hunting and fishing as well as for private land for the purpose of logging, road building or fire suppression.

The overall health of our forests are very important to me and I ask that the economics of our rural communities also be considered when the FEIS is prepared and finally selected.

Sincerely,

  
Brent C. Walker