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Greetings

I have been concerned about your plans to significantly dismantle the Northwest Forest Plan since you first announced them.

My concerns echo those of others who have published their letters, who have copied me on their letters, and who have written articulate letters to the editor in the Register-Guard.

Please preserve our forests, particularly old growth. Recently we've learned how important old growth forests are to preventing global warming. And for this reason, "warming" or "carbon" credits or whatever credit system is adopted can be transferred to counties to replace the former "cut" revenue.

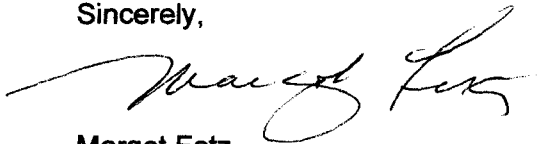
If the reason for the WOPR is that tax revenues for counties is eclipsed by so much of the state's areas being owned by the federal government, I'm sure a reasonable and equitable transfer scheme could be devised. For example, a payment per acre that reflects the average nonfederal revenue .

In this crisis time of overpopulation, increasing pollution and overconsumption, only we can prevent forest desertification. Habitat improvement, watershed protection, species preservation are also important reasons to preserve all of our old growth. Our energies must be devoted to limiting population, pollution, and consumption, rather than using more of our natural resources.

If we must log from our precious BLM-stewarded forests, selective logging -thinning is the only way to work.

Thanks for your attention. Remember, once they are gone, they are gone forever.

Sincerely,



Margot Fetz

cc. Senators Ron Wyden, Gordeon Smith, Governor Kulongowski, Representatives Peter DeFazio, Greg Waldon, Earl Blumenhauer, Darlene Hooley, and David Wu.