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Dear BLM Western Plan Revisions;

I am appalled and disappointed that the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management is considering destroying further the old-growth forest, rare wild flowers, rare plants and wild life habitat in the Lake Creek, Oregon area. The Western Oregon Plan Revisions would allow further impact of off-road vehicles, old-growth timber harvest and cattle on vegetation and sensitive clay soil. The impact of these can already be seen on Rouge River Forest Service and BLM land in the Lake Creek area.


Off- Road vehicles have been observed making a negative impact in two different ways in the Lake Creek area. One, garbage and beer cans are left behind by off-road vehicles users on the S. F. Little Butte Creek Road and Forest Service and BLM roads. Two, off-road vehicles have caused erosion directly affecting the S. F. Little Butte Creek sensitive Salmon and Steelhead spawning conditions. Third, off-road vehicle users are not respecting a jointing private property and are causing unwanted damage. The BLM rangers have little or no control over BLM land use.

Old-Growth timber should be preserved for our children to respect and behold. Forests are proven to be healthier when the old growth is left and only the smaller trees are harvested for fire prevention. This practice was just adopted by the Forest Service in Eastern Oregon as a better environmental approach. There are over 30 environmental organizations against the BLM's Western Plan.

Open range cattle on US Forest Service and BLM land are creating damage to sensitive Cascade black-tail and elk habitat in the Lake Creel area. Wild life has to compete with a non-native species. Cattle from the Cascade and Loren Walsh Ranches who hold the permits on Forest Service and BLM land allow the cattle to enter into the S. F. Little Butte Creek and its tributaries. Waste from cattle enters into the stream adding harmful bacteria into my drinking water. I object to having to drink cow 'shit', I object strongly to my children having to drink this too!

The Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife is on the Lake Creek community's side to preserve the salmon and steelhead spawning beds. The Little Butte Creek Water Shed Counsel is also against the BLM plan.

Thank you for considering my letter,

  
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