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CC: Governor. Kulongoski, Senator Wyden, Senator Smith, Rep. DeFazio, Rep. Blumenhauer, Rep. Wu, Rep. Walden, Rep. Hooley, Lane County Supervisors Fleenor, Sorenson, Stewart, Dwyer, & Green

Dear Mr. Shepard,

There are three primary ways of protecting our planet from global destruction that are not recognized in BLM's WOPR:

1. Use of solar-powered green renewables
2. Fostering of organic soil health
3. Protection of old-growth ecosystems.

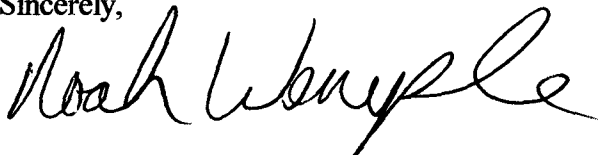
We are in a time of action. Our choices, as Bill McKibben and Al Gore stated, will determine the future. Global warming can be offset through carbon sequestration systems. Organic soil sequesters carbon. Healthy forests sequester carbon. Large emitters of carbon are looking for a way to offset their pollution.

BLM's WOPR should reflect the current knowledge that healthy ecosystems act as air and water purification filters. Old growth ecosystems contain the miracle of life in their interconnected systems of flora and fauna. The tree canopy protects the soil life which nurtures the trees. Forest diversity adds to soil richness and organism complexity and also protects species by resisting blight and disease, since these rarely strike all ages in a stand or all species. Photosynthesis occurs with all plants. A healthy green planet will balance itself.

Oregonians have a chance to lead by example by demanding that our public resources be used to insure that we are doing everything in our power to offset carbon emissions, keep our air and water clean, our ozone intact, and our soil alive. If we encourage organic crop production and demand preservation of our old growth forests our earth can begin to balance itself.

We must promote systems that purify our most basic needs of air, water and food or we will all suffer the consequences of continuing the present course.

Sincerely,



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