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Dear BLM,

I am writing this letter in order to voice my strong opposition to the WOPR plans. Please Cancel the WOPR and stick with the Northwest Forest Plan instead.

The various alternatives set forth in the WOPR are destructive, foolish, short-sighted and will only benefit a few people in the timber and ORV industries, at the expense of everyone else. In short, the WOPR alternatives will:

- destroy ancient forests and wipe out habitat for many species that are protected by law.
- be a violation of the Northwest Forest Plan, The Endangered Species Act, The National Environmental Policy Act, and numerous other laws.
- increase the areas for ORV users - spreading noxious plants and plant diseases such as Port Orford Cedar root rot and Sudden Death Oak disease into new areas.
- will destroy important fish habitat and severely impact the industries dependant upon them - such as fishing and tourism.
- will destroy an important gourmet mushroom habitat - mushrooms that are an important source of income (and food) for many Northwesterners.
- will help contribute to global warming - logging

is the second most important cause of global warming - up to 25% of human-caused carbon emissions.

Finally, and most importantly, polls show ~~that~~ ~~that~~ that the vast majority of the American people want the government to protect ancient forests on public land - not log them for short-term corporate profits. Money for schools and libraries should come from taxing the corporations - and not be tied in to "timber receipts!"

Stop the WOPR, protect our BLM lands from logging and stick with the Northwest Forest Plan.

Sincerely,
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