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Dear Mr. Shepard ,

I am submitting my comments to the BLM concerning the DEIS that discusses the future management plan for 25 million acres of BLM managed lands.

The BLM should adopt a modified alternative 2! Public land should be managed as spelled out by Congress in the 1937 O&C Land Act. **All the land should be managed for sustainable forests and provide economic benefits for local communities.** Management decisions also need to include continued emphasis for improvement of air, water quality and quantity and provide habitat consideration for all creatures.

All ages and timber types must be included in management planning – some big older trees need to be removed to grow more “big” (heritage, legacy or whatever the current pc nomenclature is at the moment) trees for future generations. Careful planning, management and monitoring can provide harvest levels of 800MMBF to 900MMBF and improve water and air quality. Harvests at this level are sustainable and would provide dollars for local communities and dollars to sustain non-economic resources. It is my firm belief that 90% of the land base should be actively managed, using the best peer reviewed science possible..

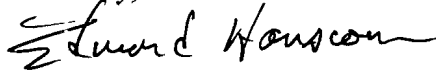
Other considerations I feel I need to relate to you as you compose the final draft are:

1. Land withdrawals are not sustainable and they should not be a part of the management plan. “Old Growth” forests decline and die, preserves sstagnate, decline and die and both become prime habitat for disease, windblow and wildfire. The risks to air and water quality, creature habitat and sustainable forests far exceeds any potential risks from planned, science based active management over the entire land base. The whole environment can be improved with well-planned management. The risk of problems can be minimized and controlled. Risk of damage to the environment from disease and bug infestations (pine beetle – US and Canada) and/or fire (Biscuit, Timbered Rock, Apple, etc.) cannot be managed.
2. Some of us will have to modify our personal bias and the public and its land managers will have to take some manageable risks. Trees can be harvested while maintaining or enhancing air, water and habitat quality for the whole environment. Cut trees, produce wood products, store carbon, grow more trees, store more carbon into perpetuity. We can also use biomass for cleaner energy.

. 3. The science and expertise is available to plan management activities and the expertise to carry out the planned management activities is readily available. We can always do a better job; but, we need sustainable opportunity, Sustainability will encourage efforts to improve the science and techniques to better manage the public lands.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Hanscom".

Edward Hanscom
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