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To Whom IT Concerns:

I am writing to state my firm opposition to the WOPR.

My particular concerns are:

1) Thinning for fire protection. I have seen the results of this type of thinning in our area. Although it is better than clear cuts it is still devastating for the land. In particular I see many more fallen trees (the same ones I assume are desired for harvest later) during wind storms than in non-thinned areas. I believe this is because they lose the root support of other trees around them.

2) Cutting Old-Growth. Forest has intrinsic value. There is so little

intact forest left. What will be left for our (my) children?

3) Cutting closer to riparian areas:  
Bad idea. Devastating for the ecology, and, of course, more land slides.

My voice is small compared to the timber industry, but I am ~~far~~ from alone. I hope this letter matters and the many silent and disheartened ones it represents will be considered.

Thank You.

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