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To whom it may concern:

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed management plan known as the Western Oregon Plan Revisions or the WOPR.

I am a small woodlot owner and encourage responsible logging, such as thinning dense second growth forests, on both public and private lands. However, it is absolutely essential to refrain from logging old growth forests as only 18% of these forests still exist in Oregon.

Old growth forests provide unique and critical habitat for a variety of species. With climate change, scientists are predicting a loss of half the planet's species on the next fifty years, it is our duty to save the all the special habitats we can.

Old growth forests store carbon. Carbon sequestration is becoming n important business which will only continue to grow. Old growth forests offer natural carbon storage. Mark Harmon of OSU has conducted research that demonstrates that old growth trees are more effective at storing carbon than young trees. It is foolish to obliterate natural, existing carbon storehouses.

Old growth forests withstand fire much better than younger tree stands. As the climate warms, and fire becomes more prevalent, it will be the old growth forest that survives.

Finally, old growth forests create clean, cold water where as disturbed forest areas lead to erosion and warmer waters. Water will continue to become a scarce resource. It is irresponsible and immoral to take any action that jeopardizes water quality and reduces riparian areas.

Each of the three WOPR alternatives increases old growth logging and clear cutting and reduces riparian areas and stream buffers. Therefore the only acceptable alternative is the non-action alternative.

Sincerely,



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