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Bureau of Land Management, Western Oregon Plan Revisions Office  
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Dear BLM,

During the 18 years that I have lived in Southern Oregon, I have spent many wonderful days hiking and backpacking in the areas covered by your Western Oregon Plan Revisions. I am sad to see the BLM ignoring science and the will of the public in a rush to expand logging. The WOPR's focus on clearcutting, the removal of protections for Oregon's old growth forests, the elimination of 23 currently recognized critical areas, and the danger to fish, wildlife, and soils is misguided. As argued in Nauman and DellaSala's paper, "Scientific Evaluation of the BLM's Western Oregon Plan," the entire WOPR should be independently peer reviewed.

At a time when Americans are awakening to the dangers of global warming and are coming to appreciate the irreplaceable natural heritage that exists in the Oregon forests, it appears that the BLM is rushing out a regressive resource extraction plan that will destroy a significant area of our remaining legacy forests. Please do not select your preferred alternative. Start over and do it right.

Sincerely,



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