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To the BLM:

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Having lived in the NW region for the past 30+ years, I can attest to a general decline in the natural world's richness even here. I fail to see how your preferred Plan Revision addresses reality here or benefits any but a select few special interests.

Globally we are at an unprecedented logger-head: Our numbers and demands are infinite in a finite place. If we continue a business as usual approach to resource extraction, the depletion/extinctions of the planet's life forms will intensify. Ultimately we'll all suffer.

You are an arm of the federal government, and thus entrusted with the wise and proper use of resources in the public domain. You are responsible for managing the lands for the benefit of the many, not the few. Promoting clearcutting, let alone proposing an increase in the rate of this anachronistic practice, smacks of political expediency. Implementing such a plan will impoverish the public at large.

You have the capability of instituting policies beneficial to all. Please exercise it.

Sincerely,

Matthias Schaefer