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DEAR BLM OFFICIALS,

IT SHOULD BE VERY CLEAR BY NOW THAT THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE ORIGINAL O&C LAND RULES WERE ESTABLISHED. LOGGING INTERESTS HAVE DEFILED AMERICA'S FORESTS WHICH HAVE DECREASED VIABLE HABITATS FOR MANY SPECIES. THESE SAME INTERESTS TURN DIVERSE FORESTS INTO MONOCROP ORIENTED INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES. THESE HARMFUL EXTRACTIVE ACTIVITIES ARE DONE BY PEOPLE WHO "CANNOT SEE THE FORESTS FOR THE TREES". UNFORTUNATELY, THEY ARE BLIND TO THE FACT THAT OUR FORESTS ARE A MUCH MORE VALUABLE RESOURCE WHEN THEY ARE LEFT INTACT THAN WHEN THEY TAKEN FOR THEIR BOARD FEET. THE PUBLIC OWNS THESE PUBLIC LANDS, NOT THE COMERCIAL INTEREST GROUPS WHO ARE ONLY CONCERNED WITH THEIR SHORT-TERM PROFITS. FURTHERMORE, THE LINKAGE OF LOGGING INCOME WITH PAYMENTS TO RURAL GOVERNMENTS IS ACTUALLY

A FORM OF BRIBERY WHICH MUST
BE SEEN FOR WHAT IT IS.

AT THIS TIME OF GLOBAL CLIMATE
CHANGE IT IS NECESSARY TO REDUCE
OUR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS 80%
BY THE YEAR 2050. IT SHOULD BE
REALIZED THAT THESE INTACT FORESTS
HAVE NOW BECOME EVEN MORE VALUABLE.
THEY SHOULD BE VIEWED AS CARBON
SEQUESTRATION SITES. WE WILL SOON
REALIZE THAT IN A TIME OF TRADING
CARBON CREDITS OUR FORESTS ARE MONEY
IN THE BANK. THEREFORE, OREGON'S
GREEN FORESTS WILL BE A VITAL
BOON TO THE ECONOMY, SIMPLY BY
TAKING "NO ACTION"!

THANKYOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION IN
THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.

SINCERELY,


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