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"WOPR" Comment

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to whom it may concern,

Please, find included with this note the Deer Creek Association's Natural Selection Alternative that I support as well as the other persons on this alternative.

I cannot imagine BCR preferred alternative not to be tied up in court as before, because of BCR going against their own rules (as logging in wet-lands, riparian reserves, and total disregard for wildlife. Thank's goodness, ESA is still the law of the land.)

Southern Oregon is also now very dry! Our modest annual precipitation DOES NOT ALLOW for clear-cuts in all things! Is BCR out of his own mind? NO, it's political payback time and everybody knows it. But, us, the locals, and all the enthusiastic tourists that love hiking old-growth and appreciate the incredible rarity (3% or so left) and beauty.

But even the famous "Lane Grey" is for sale (250,000 \$ pending to R&R Ready.) A whole article on the Upper Rogue River was devoted to the area in "Backpackers" magazine decrying the oncoming onslaught. What is going on? You need to tell the Superiors the situation is untenable for the people and for you all local BCR people. If public comments are overwhelmingly against the "WOPR" it is your responsibility to stand behind the people.

BCR people unite against a corrupted administration owned by industry. We'll all live with the devastation. It doesn't have to be.

OHV Emphasis areas, as I saw on the maps, are mostly in creeks watersheds? and around private residences? What about pollution by concentration of fumes as health hazard for the residents and forest at large?

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plus noise, undesirable characters associa-  
-ted with these activities, (poachers ----)  
they need places to go to already damaged, and  
Most importantly NOT near any body of water.  
Property values also will be devalued and  
many will be stuck amid the harassment (as  
nobody can survive motorized fun for too long!)  
without possibility to sell their places as NOBODY of the  
general population desire to live near such disruptions.  
People moved in rural areas for peace, quiet,  
beauty. Period.

Sincerely,

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PS What about selling carbon offsets from the  
forests? that will bring money and leave the trees  
standing.

## U.S. Bureau of Land Management's "Western Oregon Plan Revision" and Deer Creek Association's Natural Selection Alternative

The community supported ecostry-based Natural Selection Alternative was submitted by the Deer Creek Valley Natural Resources Conservation Association to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management for Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) evaluation as an Alternative for Western Oregon forests, during the scoping process in 2005.

### WOPR DEIS:

*Alternatives Considered but Eliminated from Detailed Study [pg 104]/Harvest Only Naturally Selected Dead and Dying Trees [pg107]*

*This alternative would remove only "naturally selected dead and dying trees, conditioned upon meeting the needs of other species." Timber harvesting of such trees would be accomplished with small equipment from a network of narrow roads.*

*This alternative was eliminated from detailed study because it would not meet the purpose and need, which states that the resource management plan revisions must meet all applicable laws. One of the applicable laws is the O&C Act. The O&C Act requires that the O&C lands that are classified as timberlands are to be managed for permanent forest production following the principles of sustained yield, which includes determining and declaring the annual productive capacity of such lands with the timber from those lands (not less than the annual sustained yield capacity) being sold annually.*

*Also, while this management approach may be practical for managing a small woodlot on relatively flat terrain, such an approach is impractical for managing a landscape of the size and ruggedness that is managed by the BLM in western Oregon. The level of roaded access and survey efforts that would be necessary to identify and harvest the trees that die on BLM lands in western Oregon every year would be prohibitively expensive both in financial and environmental terms.*

These BLM WOPR statements are not true. The community supported Natural Selection Alternative (NSA), fulfills the plan's purpose and need, whereas the BLM's proposed action alternatives do not.

Sustainable forests necessitate retaining suitable environments for all of the species that create and sustain natural forests including timber. Species that create and sustain forests must be allowed to continue doing it. None of the proposed BLM tree stand/plantation alternatives, would retain natural forests, and there is no evidence to support the contention they can. Managing natural forests as tree stand plantations has not sustained forests or tree production.

The Natural Selection Alternative: 1) retains natural forests for all of the species that create and sustain them, 2) retains optimal forest health for optimum productivity, 3) has no down time, the reason why it produces more timber than forestry tree stand plantations, 4)

retains visual, spiritual, historical, educational, cultural, recreational, and other non timber values, 5) provides the best possible forest fire protection possible through stewards that retain late successional forests and fire fighting capabilities, an extremely valuable feature for protecting forests during global warming, 6) extraction occurs when trees have reached the dead

No forestry tree stand management Alternative submitted by BLM for WOPR, achieves essential forest and community values.

