

Dear Bureau and Management. Core Gender OK 1/5/08

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I'm writing to address the proposed BLM Western Plan Revision (WOPR)

It wants to bring back clearcutting on a huge scale and cutting old-growth forests. Cut away clean to rivers and streams. Most Americans want clean water, air, wildlife, fish and places of recreation. Clearcutting will take away all of the above. It causes erosion, silt and mud in rivers and streams. Few farms under mixed story and healthy forests. A diverse ecosystem makes for a strong and renewable forest and fauna.

I have lived in southern Oregon for 35 years and never been like countless others for the beautiful forests, clean air and water and quiet. I have been first hand what clearcutting accomplishes. I own that border of my property was clearcut, replanted 3 times. The planted trees are either stunted or 4 or 5 times smaller than the native trees that come up naturally. And all the native species are represented instead of just a hybrid fir. We want and need a strong forest for our children and grand children to inherit. If you keep cutting the biggest and the best, you know what happens. Skinning is a good alternative.

Also, the proposed off-road vehicle use is in the backyard of so many that I know, including my family. The noise and sick vision and destruction will ruin our quality of life and would be an unacceptable burden to all that live here.

Sincerely, Deborah Ann Newell

