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RE: LBM Western Oregon Plan Revisions

To the BLM:

I live in Williams, Oregon, a rural community in the Siskiyou of Southern Oregon. My house is flanked on the east by BLM land, so I am deeply concerned about the WOPR proposal. This is very clearly a reward to the timber industry for the money that it contributed to the Bush administration. The proposed clearcutting of old growth forests and riparian zone forests directly affects our quality of life—at this time of global warming, the last thing we need is to increase the risk of catastrophic fires that would demolish our homes and scar the natural beauty of our region. Additionally, I fear for our watersheds and the health of forest soils. The WOPR refuses to admit the effects that their massive logging would have on our water supplies and safety.

Additionally, the OHV emphasis is repugnant to many of us who enjoy the relative quiet to be found out here in rural communities.

What is the BLM thinking? It's amazing to me that it goes on with the destruction of habitat that it is supposed to safeguard for this and future generations, not for the greedy few who will profit on a short-term basis. The majority of the public wants to protect old-growth forests. The long-term economic growth of our area depends on tourism, which depends on beautiful scenery, not hideous clearcuts.

There is plenty of work to be done, but it should be centered around protection of old-growth forests and restoration forestry that will ameliorate the mistakes that have already been made in BLM's long history of forest mismanagement.

Sincerely,



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