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I attended the public meeting in Grants Pass on May 17, where we were told there would be working groups formed as part of the RMP planning process, and interested citizens would be encouraged to participate. We were asked to suggest topics for working groups in which we would be interested in participating.

I would like to participate in a working group on providing for true mixed use on these lands, while ensuring compliance with the O&C Lands Act. Considering that all the lands in question are revested O&C lands, any plan that doesn't satisfy the requirements of the O&C Lands Act will be challenged in court. I would also be interested in participating in working group on endangered species management.

I believe it's important to stop the swinging pendulum, put an end to the wasteful litigation, and find a balance where we can address the legal requirement to provide a permanent source of timber to contribute to the economic stability of the O&C counties, while also protecting watersheds and providing recreational access.

I am not in favor of the O&C Trust Act, proposed by Congressmen DeFazio, Walden, and Schrader, which would remove the O&C lands from BLM jurisdiction, placing half of them under state control and turning the other half over to the Forest Service. I don't think that will ultimately serve the best interests of the O&C counties. I would prefer to see a BLM plan, in coordination with the counties, that would provide for true mixed use, balancing responsible sustained-yield timber production with fire management, watershed protection, and providing access to citizens for recreational uses.

Thank you,
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