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To: [BLM OR RMPs WesternOregon](#)
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Oregon BLM
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Dear BLM,

I am writing to offer comments on the Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon BLM. I support greater protection for mature and old growth forests across all 2.6 million acres of BLM forests in Western Oregon, and the maintenance of existing Northwest Forest Plan protections.

BLM lands provide tremendous value to communities across western Oregon, including clean water, salmon habitat, and mature and old-growth forests. They contribute to the quality of life that brings new businesses to Oregon, and provide millions of dollars to local communities from travel and recreation.

Please protect streamside and mature and old growth forests on these public lands and ensure that the many special places on BLM remain intact for future generations. Clearcutting should not be allowed and mining activities that threaten clean water and Oregon's iconic salmon should be removed.

I also support enhancement of non-motorized recreation opportunities on western Oregon BLM lands. BLM land should not be a playground for Off Highway Vehicles (OHV). Rare plants, clean water and other recreational uses can be harmed by incompatible OHV use. Please ensure that OHV damage is limited, and that cross-county travel on OHV's on BLM lands is prohibited.

Please ensure that the Western Oregon BLM RMP's do the following:

- 1) Shift BLM priorities away from regeneration harvest (clearcutting) of mature and old growth forests and toward forest and watershed restoration, with a focus on previously managed stands and the existing road network.
- 2) Create jobs through diverse restoration activities - enhancing salmon streams, thinning young plantations, removing crumbling roads and improving fish passage, removing brush and flammable underbrush from areas near communities.
- 3) Protect from logging all remaining mature and old growth forests on these lands, regardless of current land management allocation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these plans.

Sincerely,

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