

**From:** [light7@directv.net](mailto:light7@directv.net)  
**To:** [BLM\\_OR\\_RMPs\\_WesternOregon](#)  
**Subject:** RMPs for Western Oregon Comments - Therese Cartwright  
**Date:** Saturday, June 23, 2012 3:40:17 PM

---

Requestor: Therese Cartwright

Address:

23025 Paragon Way  
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

E-mail address: [light7@directv.net](mailto:light7@directv.net)

I would like to opt out of the email list.

Comments:

I am writing in support of protecting the mature and old-growth forests in the Pacific Northwest that provide numerous economic and environmental benefits and are essential to threatened species such as the Northern Spotted Owl, the Marbled Murrelet, and Pacific salmon. I am writing because I had no idea there was a meeting held here in Klamath Falls in May 2012!

o Conservation of old-growth forest ecosystems by the Northwest Forest Plan was a significant environmental advance that ended decades of unsustainable management practices. Studies show that the plan is working — the highly fragmented forests are growing back into large blocks needed to maintain water quality and recover threatened species such as the Northern Spotted Owl, Pacific salmon and other important yet threatened species.

o In support of Critical Habitat and any further logging of old growth forests, mineral, gas or oil (esp. fracking) raises concern because it does not protect all clean waterways, or habitat essential to the conservation and recovery of the spotted owl, Pacific Salmon and other important yet threatened or endangered species. I strongly object to any plan that proposes to exclude habitat on state and private lands necessary for recovery, which protect native habitat and important recovery of Northern Spotted Owl, Pacific Salmon or any other endangered or threatened species habitat, particularly coastal redwood forests.

o Of great concern, even for areas designated as Critical Habitat, it is suggested your future PLAN may allow logging that is not supported by science. Three major scientific societies are advising the Obama Administration to conduct more research before more pure water, Pacific salmon or owl or any other threatened or endangered species habitat is lost.

o I oppose any plan that includes language allowing for weakening or eliminating protections of the Northwest Forest Plan. BLM and Dept. of Agriculture must ensure that currently protected Late Successional Reserves, pristine High Desert Regions and waterways are maintained.

o Logging areas now protected by the Northwest Forest Plan, including mature forests that the Plan had intended to become old-growth, is

inconsistent with sound science and should not be allowed. Any proposed elimination of the owl's Late Successional Reserves on BLM High Desert lands and waterways if proposed by this or future BLM plans should be opposed by BLM and the residents of Oregon. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, in the future would appreciate BETTER notification of meetings in our area. I have been to several in the past 12 yrs.