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To: [BLM OR RMPs WesternOregon](#)
Subject: Comment letter on West Oregon RMP regarding - improve habitat
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Attachments: [BLM Scoping for 2012 RMP - comment regarding improve habitat & water.pdf](#)

Greetings,

Attached is a PDF version of a comment letter being submitted during the scoping period for the Western Oregon RMP and regards a suggestion for improving water quality and fish habitat in watersheds that are influenced by activities on BLM managed lands.

A copy is pasted below in case the attachment does not open.

Thank you.

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June 26, 2012

TO: Scoping Team - Bureau of Land Management, PO Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208
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RE: Western Oregon Resource Management Plan

Dear Scoping Team for Western Oregon Resource Management Plan (RMP)

The BLM asked: *What should the BLM consider in the Western Oregon Resource Management Plan to further the recovery of threatened and endangered species and to provide clean water.*

Logging is one of the most ground-disturbing activities to take place in watersheds yet I have rarely if ever seen any noticeable efforts by the timber industry to capture and retain sediment in and around their ground disturbing operations. Logging can take place near to or adjacent to salmon bearing streams so it doesn't make sense that operators can extract resources and impact the ground but have no responsibility to contain sediment runoff.

Sediment control and retention is not a unique concept in today's society. I frequently see sediment retention barriers at all construction sites along roadsides even at project sites with only slight disturbance to the ground. I fully agree with and understand the reasoning for containing sediment. For this reason, it is unbelievable that logging operations have no apparent responsibility to contain the sediment from escaping out of their area of operation and into streams, which can completely obliterate the effectiveness of years of containment efforts in domestic construction operations. What a waste.

The new RMP must require that all landscape altering and ground disturbing activities on

BLM lands includes the expectation that the bidder/contract installs contemporary sediment retention and erosion control barriers with the objective of capturing and retaining ___% (suggest 80%) of sediment before runoff water enters the natural drainage system. This requirement aligns with O&C Act objectives (purposes) of *protecting watersheds and regulating stream flow*.

Sincerely,

Roger Brandt