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Dear Manager:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on revising resource management plans for Western Oregon.

Freres Lumber Co., Inc. believes the agency's prior work on the Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR) was scientifically sound work which appropriately addressed stand volume of 50 billion feet in 1988 growing to 74 billion feet today. Increased harvesting and other land management activities are the only ways to preserve our abundant resources and protect them from fire, wind, insects, and other natural disasters.

Opponents of the WOPR cite a lack of concurrence from other federal agencies as a short coming of the plan. We strongly urge the BLM to gain acceptance of the plan by other regulatory agencies and resubmit the plan for public comment, review, and later implementation. Let's not allow the millions of dollars invested in the WOPR go to waste.

Freres Lumber Co., Inc. prefers no lands reserved from timber harvesting to meet the intent of the O & C Act.

The BLM does not have old growth timber stands by our definition and the industry needs large diameter older timber to produce unique, specialty products.

The BLM obligations pertaining to the Endangered Species Act should be take avoidance only.

The BLM should use regeneration harvesting for cost effectiveness and to help ensure our forests are fire resistant. More large openings are needed for recreational hunting opportunities and to improve the nutritional needs of the Spotted Owl, deer, and elk.

Timber harvesting 700 MMBF annually from BLM lands is the best way to contribute to local economies.

Sincerely,

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