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I am writing to offer my input on the Resource Management Plan revision for Western Oregon Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The BLM forestlands in western Oregon are important to me. They provide tremendous services to Oregonians, including clean water, salmon habitat, and old-growth forests that make Oregon a great place to live.

I support the protection of all remaining old-growth forests on BLM land, protecting streamside forests, and restoring forests and watersheds degraded from past logging and road building. Focusing on protecting and restoring these forests will keep our drinking water clean, protect important habitat for salmon and other threatened species, store carbon to mitigate climate change, protect recreation opportunities now and in the future, and reduce controversy over land management.

The plan revision should build on the existing successes of the Northwest Forest Plan –reserve networks and restoration activities are helping to slow the loss of habitat and speeding the recovery of threatened fish and wildlife, and improving watersheds and water quality. Careful thinning of dense young plantations is creating jobs, producing wood, and improving degraded forests.

Protecting public values, and restoring forests and watersheds should be the drivers of the planning revision, not the funding needs of western Oregon counties.

Using logging jobs as an excuse is no excuse. People need to be re-educated in order to work in sustainable positions. In addition to this, taking out forests is the dumbest thing we can do in re the destruction of this earth and global warming. Mother nature is screaming at us. the entire country is boiling as more and more of nature is exploited. We need our forests to temper our climate and to breathe for us. It is shortsightedness and greed that is killing the earth and all upon it. Please act with intelligence and consider more than the dollar.

Thank you for considering my comments as you move forward with this process.  
Sincerely,

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