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To: Don Hoffheins, Interim Interdisciplinary Team Leader:

Don:

Your 7.5.12 email indicated that my communique arrived at your office in incomplete form. Following is the original text. There may be something amiss between our servers since your message to me also arrived in a garbled form, with text in yellow and nothing immediately distinguishable save for two references to my email address. I hope that this attempt arrives to you in a more readable form.

Gentlemen:

With regard to the Bureau of Land Management's proposal to once again engage in the formation of a resource management plan for the lands of Western Oregon, I encourage those involved to consider the following:

Ascertain what properties are suitable for what sorts of plants and wildlife. Gear managing activities to enhance those plants and wildlife that are a natural fit for each other. For example, grow Fir trees where such will grow, pines where they will grow, oaks where they will grow and chaparral where it grows naturally. Try not to change the natural habits of the lands.

Ascertain and designate land areas of sensitivity such as wetlands, vernal pond areas, stream beds and the like. Promote protection of these areas against human degradation.

Determine and define appropriate recreational use of lands based on the capability of those lands to support recreation without deleterious effects. For example, a land might be approved for foot travel until a meadow harboring rare plant species is encountered which would not be approved for foot (or any means of travel). A land might be approved for bicycle use if such use can occur on stable normally dry ground. OHV travel might occur on ground that is normally dry and stable, but not on slopes in excess of 15 percent.

Determine how to make use of BLM lands fair for all concerned. Commercial extraction of forest and mineral products create noise, fume, smoke and land disturbance. It's probably generally realized and accepted that these are necessary for this aspect of management of BLM lands. It's probably less generally realized and accepted that noise, fumes, smoke and land disturbance arising from recreation activities on BLM properties are necessary. The recent surge in OHV use on public lands has introduced negative effects that have heretofore been fairly minimal by other recreation pursuits. In fairness to others who seek to use the same lands for uses other than motorized travel, either the effects of the motorized use should be lowered or lands designated for that use should be cordoned so that recreation other than motor use can be enjoyed.

Determine a policy for use of BLM lands for target practice that minimizes the impact of this activity on others not engaged in firearm sports. The report of a rifle, automatic rifle, pistol or other firearm type, not to mention the thunder of the detonation of a cased explosive is heard miles from its origin. Sites far from residential and recreation-designated areas are appropriate for firearm target practice. It is unfortunate that some individuals do not engage in this activity responsibly by directing their fire at locations other than an absorbing surface. Such individuals endanger life by not knowing where their ballistics will terminate. Sites designated for target practice should be selected for sufficient distance from habited areas to avoid mishaps from such individuals. Any use of arms on public lands should require the use of non-lead ammunition.

Thank you for your interest

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