

Dear BLM,

I am very impressed with all of the money your organization has spent on marketing for this public review process. I personally received your three volume plan as a huge box in the mail one day. The cost and amount of paper wasted in preparing and publishing your report alone must have run into the millions not to mention the trees consumed in the process!

Unfortunately, it appears that results of your process has been inherently flawed from the moment that you settled out of court from an unsubstantial law-suit brought forth by the timber industry. (Although none of this was directly mentioned in your marketing materials!) I therefore cannot approve or condone of any of the alternatives given in your proposal.

All of your alternatives are unacceptable. At this point, I can only say that full protection of the old-growth is the only appropriate option. Please protect all remaining old-growth forests, focus active management of BLM lands in already logged-over areas, and concentrate job opportunities in restoration forestry that would benefit watersheds and generate wood products.

Sincerely,

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PS You should never have settled out of court!