

Dear BLM,

I am opposed to the Western Oregon Plan Revisions. The proposed changes will roll back the protections of the Northwest Forest Plan, which was created as a scientifically sound compromise among dozens of top industry, academic, and government scientists. The WOPR provides no scientific evidence justifying the dismantling of the environmental protections of the Northwest Forest Plan.

The BLM needs to address the WOPR's effect on forest fires, global warming, and the survival of old growth ecosystems. The cumulative effects of WOPR policies on water quality and upper Willamette spring Chinook salmon must also be analyzed. What impact would the WOPR have on the recreation and fishing industries and on flood control?

Having lived in Oregon for 17 years and Southeast Alaska for 10 years, I have become very familiar with old-growth forests and their ecology. We need to protect remaining old-growth forests, focus active management on BLM lands in already logged-over areas, and create job opportunities in restoration thinning projects that benefit watersheds, reduce wildfires, and generate wood products without multiplying past mistakes.

Sincerely,  
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