

Comments on the BLM's Western Oregon Plan Revisions

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I am submitting comments on my own behalf, and on behalf of Gaia Vision, Canaries Who Sing, and Coast Range Guardians.

We are vehemently opposed to the Preferred Alternative.

We oppose cutting of any old growth trees, PERIOD. We oppose cutting of mature trees that will be the replacements for the old growth trees that will succumb to natural processes. How will we ever get more old growth forests back if we never let any mature trees live past 100 years? Tree plantations are not biodiverse natural forests. We oppose any clear cutting of any Bureau of Land Management forests.

We oppose any further destruction of habitat which is necessary for the survival of threatened, endangered species, or even species proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act.

We oppose the massive logging disturbance and road building disturbance on Bureau of Land Management lands which will invite the spread of noxious weeds and invasive species, especially since the Bureau of Land Management is currently proposing massive spraying of toxic herbicides in 17 western states under the Record of Decision for the Final Vegetation Treatments Herbicides Programmatic Environmental Report (PER).

We believe further that it is ludicrous to propose more destruction of forests on public lands when climate change, global warming and carbon sequestering are such vital issues which must be addressed.

For the above mentioned reasons we support the No-Action Alternative.

We incorporate by reference comments by Native Forest Council, Oregon Wild, Cascadia's Ecosystem Advocates, Oregon Heritage Forests, Cascadia Wildlands Project, Climate Crisis Working Group, and the McKenzie Flyfishers. We are also attaching the Scientific Evaluation of the Implications of the BLM's Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR) to Forests and Watersheds of Southwest Oregon by Rich Nauman and Dominick A. DellaSala, National Center for Conservation Science & Policy, September 4, 2007 and Potential Upper Bounds of Carbon Stores in Forests of the Pacific Northwest by Erica A. H. Smithwick, Mark E. Harmon, Suzanne M. Remillard, Steven A. Acker, and Jerry F. Franklin 2002.

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