Dear Western Oregon BLM,

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I'm writing to express my support for permanent older forest protection in western Oregon as you consider comments during the plan revision process. By doing this, you will safeguard our drinking water supplies, promote new economic opportunities, ensure recovery for fish and wildlife that are teetering on the brink of extinction, and most importantly, create a legacy for future generations.

If you can believe it, trees six feet wide, 200 feet tall and 400 years old are still being auctioned off to the highest bidder on western Oregon BLM lands. There are many less sensitive and more practical places to generate wood fiber, like the millions of acres of young, even age tree plantations that have grown since previous BLM clearcuts. Sadly, the Western Oregon BLM is proposing to bring us back to the Dark Ages by opening up old-growth and streamside reserves on our public lands.

I hope you are able to stand with me and the majority of the public who wants to see our remaining older forests protected.

Sincerely,

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