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To the BLM:

I am writing to oppose your plan to destroy western Oregon's last ancient forests.

In 1994 a panel of experts developed the Northwest Forest Plan to save forests from overcutting and to protect animals, plants, fish and watersheds. The forests needed to be protected because years of overcutting, over optimistic claims of reforestation, and non-sustainable cutting had hammered them. We thought the battle over Northwest forests was over.

The BLM is now proposing to throw out the Forest Plan and clearcut three times the old growth forest allowed under the Plan. According to your own environmental impact statement the revisions would increase the fragmentation of the forest, allow some plant species to go extinct, increase invasive plants, increase stream temperatures, and decrease the habitat for the spotted owl and marbled murrelet and degrade recreation opportunities for visitors.

Besides being critical for fish and wildlife these lands act as important filters for municipal water drinking water.

The BLM has a history of not following science, under counting endangered species, and logging in critical environmental habitat. This has got to stop.

Sincerely,



Byron Rendar