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RE: Western Oregon Plan Revision Draft EIS Public Comment Period

Dear Mr. Shepard:

The Association of O&C Counties understands that you have received requests for an extension of time to the 90-day public comment period on the draft Western Oregon Plan Revision DEIS. We also understand that the three volumes with over 1600 pages might be intimidating to some readers. We appreciate the fact that BLM has 29 scheduled Workshop/Open House presentations on the DEIS throughout western Oregon, as well as making on-line web forums available to the public. Other opportunities to learn and comment have been afforded to county commissioners, State leaders and the Oregon Congressional Delegation. The BLM's planning process has been more open and accessible to the public than any other federal agency process in memory.

The Association of O&C Counties believes that the 90-day public comment period, coupled with the BLM's extraordinary efforts to reach out to the public, is sufficient for all interested parties to make informed, substantive comments. We therefore do not believe that any extension of the comment period is justified. If, in spite of our objections, you consider an extension of time for public comments, the Association respectfully requests that you limit any extension to no more than an additional 30 days.

Sincerely,

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