

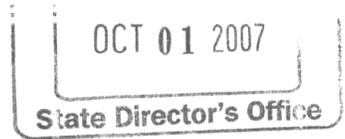
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Re: WOPR Scientist Meetings and Comment Period Extension

Dear Mr. Shepard,

We respectfully request that the comment period be extended to 180 days or more.

Oregon's productive and life sustaining forest ecosystems have taken millions of years to evolve. The WOPR Preferred Alternative has the potential to cause irreversible negative consequences for millions of acres of Oregon's public forest land. Ninety days is an unreasonably short time for citizens to assess and respond to the 1606 page WOPR.

Deer Creek Valley Natural Resources Conservation Association (aka Deer Creek Association or DCA), a 30 year old community organization located in Selma Oregon, submitted the Natural Selection Alternative (NSA), to be considered by the BLM for the Western Oregon Plans Revisions (WOPR) (DEIS Page 107). We feel the WOPR Team unjustifiably rejected the NSA and we need more time to respond.

We're also concerned about the WOPR science meetings coming late in the comment period. There is not enough time after the science meetings to inform our members and the public about technical issues beyond the knowledge and study time of most citizens; nor to prepare substantive comments on complex and often contradictory findings.

Mission

To promote and protect environments and species that sustain the web of life and human communities

The Deer Creek Association members and the public need more than a mere 90 days to gather information, arrange meetings, and prepare comments on many complex forest policy issues.

Please inform us in writing of your decision.

Sincerely,

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