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RE: Western Oregon Plan Revisions

Dear WOPR Coordinator,

I realize that negative reactions never accomplish anything but, concerning the WOPR, you at the BLM should be totally ashamed.

In the final analysis you must realize that the temporary gains from destroying our forests, primarily for corporate interests with some trickle-down to schools, won't solve anything. Eventually our heritage forests and the biodiversity they support will be gone, corporate greed will remain high and schools will still need even greater revenues.

In addition to the irreparable damage to the increasingly fragile environment, increased destruction of old growth and other previously uncut areas will only reduce incentives for people to pursue an education beyond high school (if they don't drop out) because of the illusion of increasing and never ending good paying timber industry jobs. Why are you so intent on going after what is left of our heritage forests rather than focusing on the thinning of existing plantations and second growth forests? I guess one need not look any further than the current "corporatocracy" in the White House.

So, charge on with your shortsighted and very narrow-minded agenda espoused by the Bush administration. I only hope that building public sentiment will soon (before you have gone beyond the point of no return) enable more intelligent and enlightened minds to prevail and promote sanity over corporate greed and cowardly decisions. Please reconsider these revisions to the Western Oregon Plan.

Respectfully,

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