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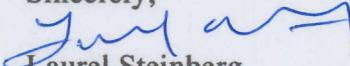
Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the Bush administration's Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR), which will undo many protections for BLM, administered public forests. The Bush plan proposes widespread clearcutting of public forests and building of over 1000 miles of new logging roads. It seems ludicrous to me with the scientific consensus as to the threat of environmental peril we all face, that any sort of public policy allowing clearcutting could be considered as a good and viable forestry practice. Not only that but the WOPR eliminates many of the protections for streams and salmon and allows logging dangerously close to these sensitive habitats. The high quality drinking water, which many Oregonians enjoy originate in these BLM forests, which are threatened under this plan.

Healthy protected forests are one of Oregon's most important natural assets. It is the reason why many of us choose to call Oregon our home. While rampant old growth clearcutting promises a short-term economic boon for a few well-connected mill owners, an economic bust is easily foreseeable under the Bush plan as fish, wildlife and old growth forests dwindle.

I ask you as a long time citizen of Southern Oregon to do everything in your power to oppose this plan,

Sincerely,


Laurel Steinberg