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Subject: Comments for Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR)

Financial gains from logging will be short term, we have seen a drastic reduction in timber available in recent decades. This is because the trees are not growing at a sustainable rate. Additional logging will only worsen this situation.

We will gain more over a longer time by leaving the trees and encouraging tourism. Large areas of OHV's in the area will also damage the area and discourage other tourism. It will cause noise, dirt, excessive traffic and decreased property values. One developed area on BLM should be enough, not the large scale plan in WOPR. We need to keep areas for hiking, bird watching, and boating.

The WOPR proposes to inflame the controversy by increasing old-growth clearcutting for a short-term economic fix. The WOPR puts water quality at risk and would destroy some of Oregon's most special places. We should protect our remaining mature and old-growth forests on public land, not clearcut these natural treasures.

It is disappointing that at a time when public consensus for old-growth protection and second-growth thinning has never been stronger, the BLM is proposing to clearcut forests older than our nation and turn complex ecosystems into tree plantations most susceptible to severe wildfire.

Please protect remaining old-growth forests, focus active management of BLM lands in already logged-over areas, and create job opportunities in restoration thinning projects that benefit watersheds and generate wood products without multiplying past mistakes.

Sincerely,

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