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Subject: Comments for Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR)

As a fisherman and a resident on the Right Fork of Foots Creek Rd. in Gold Hill, here are my comments on the WOPR: ① I'm opposed to cutting old growth timber, opposed to logging within 100 feet of streams, opposed to new road building, opposed to re-opening old roads that haven't been used recently or have been decommissioned, and opposed to clearcutting. I'm in favor of thinning, with some trees up to 18" in diameter included. I'm in favor of helicopter logging.

I am absolutely opposed to the OHV park proposed for the John's Peak area. The land patterns are checker-board; there are too many houses around, and this includes dense housing patterns along the ingress and egress roads between the park area and I-5. It makes no sense to have an OHV park where there are so many people around.

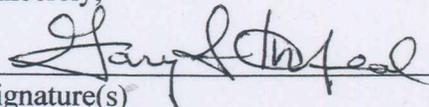
My wife and I both vote, as do most of our neighbors.

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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