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To: Bureau of Land Management

Subject: Comments for Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR)

Clearcutting increases erosion until a new forest has been well established. Unless this ~~new~~ regenerated forest is thinned, it will be place for a forest fire disasters.

If trees must be cut, it should be done by thinning and light selective cuts. We have the technology for this even on steep slopes. Monetary value should not take president over environmental health.

Please revise the WOPR proposal and the BLM can pride in learning from past mistakes.

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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