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To: Bureau of Land Management

Subject: Comments for Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR)

I think the Bush Administration "Western Oregon Plan Revisions" is a bad idea. I favor the original N.W. Forest plan because it is designed to protect all the important features of our ecosystem: enough shade to protect watersheds, streams which are still breeding fish, and steep soils which will continue to produce trees if they are kept intact. It must be kept in mind that private lands which interface with BLM lands in this area are and continue to be severely degraded in their capacity to hold water, which causes soil warming and stream warming, as well as erosion into the fish streams.

I also see no need or reason for more O.H.V. areas. We are already plagued by these noisy, polluting vehicles more & more every year. The government should not be supporting this wasteful, polluting activity!

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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