

To: Bureau of Land Management

Subject: Comments for Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR)

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I am writing to voice my opposition to the WOPR. Though I understand timber will always remain a piece of the Oregon economy I think it's time to look to the future & plan for economic diversification + a more balanced approach - which does not include old growth clear cutting or old growth cutting @ all. Can't you guys be more creative than just depending on old methods that have resulted in over harvesting then planting one type of tree to compensate resulting in unhealthy forests - streams + wildlife habitats

I am also opposed to increasing OHV use areas. It's loud + disturbing when the point of getting out in these areas is to clear the head from everyday worries + stresses - like loud noise + smelly furnes. Please think this - Be Proactive in protecting our planet

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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