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RE: BLM, Western Oregon Plan Revisions

Dear Sir or Madame:

The Western Oregon Plan Revisions regarding the management of over 2.5 million acres of federal forests is short-sighted and weak on environmental concerns.

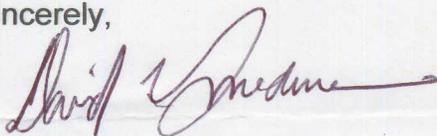
Excavating logging roads and harvesting trees like a "cash-crop" in old growth areas ignores basic science and will destroy natural resources that can never be replaced.

These old-growth forests create unique ecosystems, and their existence gives us a rare opportunity to make decisions that will benefit future generations. Being good stewards of the earth and making decisions that further the "common good" means that we should preserve these areas.

Common sense tells us that we have the wherewithal and ingenuity to meet our timber needs by concentrating management of logged-over lands and restoring thinning projects.

Thank you for considering my letter.

Sincerely,



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