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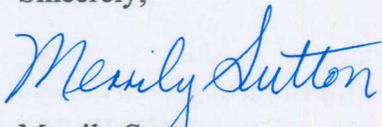
Hello, Bureau of Land Management Representative,

Today I read a description of the amazing Devil's Staircase, a series of waterfalls on Wasson Creek in the Coast Range east of Reedsport. This old growth forestland, which has been protected from logging and road building by the Northwest Forest Plan since 1994, has the largest population of endangered spotted owls in the Coast Range and is habitat for salmon and steelhead. I read that part of the Wasson Creek area is in danger of being opened for logging under the Western Oregon Plan Revision. I just had to write to register my "no" vote as an Oregonian.

Oregon forests are so much more than sources of lumber revenue! They are tourist attractions, nurseries for native plant species, homes for native animals, and sources of oxygen on a planet fast losing its tree to human balance. I strongly support the No Action Plan in the proposed Western Oregon Plan Revision. This will provide for developing mature forest stands with diverse composition and age similar to what our forests were like 100 years ago. Instead of allowing logging in the last of our old growth forests we should be taking this opportunity to craft a plan which manages our forests for the future. We should be searching for ways to selectively harvest our trees while at the same time providing for fire resiliency and providing key habitat for fish, plants, and animals.. This is an opportunity to become leaders in responsible forest management. We owe it to the next generations of Oregonians.

Thank you for providing time for public comments. I hope you will make substantive changes in the draft that will reflect a policy of the least negative impact on our environment.

Sincerely,


Merrily Sutton