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Western Oregon Plan Revisions
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing today in opposition to the planned Western Oregon Plan Revisions.

The preferred BLM alternative emphasizes logging trees over 200 years old in what is estimated to be a 700% increase in logging activity over present levels. This action directly degrades the best remaining ancient forests, wildlife and plant habitat, water quality and salmon habitat and a sustainable, long-term local economy.

It is an attempt to side-step protections in the Northwest Forest Plan and may be considered to violate the Clean Air and Endangered Species Acts. It also encourages designation of Off Highway Vehicular routes further degrading air quality, habitat and natural quiet already well documented throughout public lands.

A much better alternative would be to revere the natural, sustainable qualities of these O&C lands by partial thinning of smaller, second growth trees instead of the devastating and long-lasting effects of clear-cutting old growth forests.

Thank you for your consideration,



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