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Bureau of Land Management, Western Oregon Plan Revisions Office
333 SW 1st. Avenue
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Re: BLM Western Oregon Plan Revisions

Dear BLM,

The girl stirs and awakens to a beam of light streaming through her window. She sits up and turns, a shiver runs through her as her feet touch the hard wood floor. She walks to her window to find that the light was not the moon, but the intense flood lamp on her neighbors garage.

The girl lays back down, and tries to picture the great trees that stood outside her window at her old home. She had grown up in the country. Her house surrounded on all sides by old growth conifer trees. Gazing at her ceiling, she remembers the hours spent running through woods, the sound of pine needles crackling under foot, and the sweet smell of the forest. If ever her mother wished to find her, this is where she would be; climbing trees, playing in the crystal clear creek or simply gazing up at lacy patterns of the Fur and Hemlock branches above her. This was her real home! The girls father had gotten a job in town, and so, broken-hearted she traded her magnificent trees for stark square buildings. her wondering foot-paths for concrete sidewalks, and the melodious trickle of a creek, for the roar of the highway.

The girls mother, seeing her sadness, started driving an hour to a National Park. There, she was once again free to run through the forest, or sit on a log and watch a squirrel as it ran up the trunk of a near by, old growth pine tree.

The park and BLM lands were set aside for children and grownups alike. Who, like this girl, wish to escape the hum and roar, of the bustling city. Without this land they would have no where to go!

Theodore Roosevelt is known and admired for the value he placed in the preservation of Americas great wild lands; the park-lands, we have come to know and cherish. Do you wish to be remembered for destroying them?

This is not a question of one curly haired little girl, or the life of one lone spotted owl, soaring silently through the forest. But, a question of all children, and some of the last true old growth forests left standing. How can you honestly say that there will be no long-term effects?

We are faced with a changing climate, where we need to be taking great care, in protecting our precious eco system; not destroying some of the greatest global-warming deterrence that we know of. Old growth forests.

I ask that you take into consideration not only your private interests, but the lives of generations to come.

Respectfully yours,

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