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Revising the BLM's Resource Management Plans in Western Oregon

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The Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR) proposed by Bush's administration is illegal. It would undermine the Northwest Forest Plan which protects old growth and threatened and endangered species and clean water. The BLM would violate the Endangered Species and Clean Water Acts as well as other laws.

Living in Williams, I am concerned about how our quality of life would be affected. I hike through the patches of old growth forest in our area. So few old growth forest remain that they should not be touched. We all know clearcutting is not a viable way to mange the forest. One has only to look at the hills in our area where only scrap remains to know that, especially on the southern slopes.

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Proposed OHV Emphasis Areas are also a threat to the peace and quiet of the land and value of property.

The WORR reduces protection for clean water and Pacific Salmon by allowing logging near streams which removes stream buffers that shade streams and keep sediment from the water. It would also threaten the quality of drinking water to many Oregon communities.

The WORR would reduce protections for wildlife populations such as the elk, black bear, the spotted owl and marbled murrelet.

It will increase the amount of carbon in the air by converting most old growth forest into dry flammable tree plantations.

The WOPR is a bad idea proposed by an administration of bad ideas. You know that. We should protect what's left of the old growth forests and restore those forest that have been degraded. We should support fuels managed thinning and selective cutting in forest other than Old Growth forest.

I support the No Action alternative. My 2nd choice is alternative #1. I definitely oppose alternative #2.

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