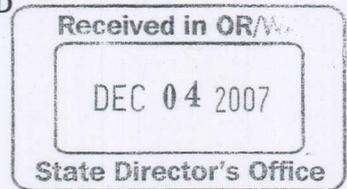


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**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT
FOR THE REVISION OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS
OF THE WESTERN OREGON BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS
WE SUPPORT THE NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE FOR THIS PLANNING PROCESS**

Bureau Of Land Management:

Please let this serve as a portion of our public comments and concerns for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Revision Of The Resource Management Plans Of The Western Oregon Bureau Of Land Management Districts of Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Coos Bay, and Medford Districts, and The Klamath Falls Resource Area Of The Lakeview District.

We are writing with serious concerns regarding this planning process. A few weeks ago we realized that dozens of people that submitted written comments for the WOPR Planning Process had not been receiving updates from the Bureau Of Land Management and they did not receive notification that the Draft Environmental Statement was available for review and comment.

As a result I called the State Office Of The Bureau Of Land Management and I spoke with Richard Prather. I explained the problem to Mr. Prather and I suggested that the BLM go through the public comment letters that they had received and send out notifications to all of the people that submitted comments and provided a mailing address on their comment. Mr. Prather indicated that in order to get on the BLM's mailing list for the WOPR that each individual had to specifically ask to be placed on the mailing list. If the comment letter did not include that request then the BLM did not add them to the mailing list.

Mr. Prather went on to inform me that it really did not matter if those people were notified or not and it really did not matter what alternative the general public supported because the Planning Process was not a voting process and that the Bureau Of Land Management was going to follow the law no matter what alternative the people supported in their public comments. Is restricting all OHV Activities on public land a Law? Please explain? I told Mr. Prather that I did not understand what he was indicating and that I did not agree. I told him that I would discuss this issue with others and take action at a later date.

If the public has no influence in this planning process why is the Bureau Of Land Management spending money and time for public involvement? We have traveled great distances to attend several public meetings, we have spent hours writing public comment letters and spent a lot of time researching the alternatives. We have spent a lot of time talking with people to see what was important to them during this planning process. Is the BLM telling us that it was all for fun and giggles and that our opinions don't matter anyhow?

Richard Prather and the BLM should know that this type of activity will have a negative impact on all types of outdoor enthusiasts that may have submitted public comments. Multiple use of public lands for recreation opportunities is an important part of any planning process regarding public lands.

People that were excluded from the mailing list did not receive notification that the Draft Environmental Statement was available for review and that you were asking people to comment on the alternatives. **None of these people were notified even though all of their public comment letters clearly stated: "I am a member of the public with a strong interest in public lands. I wish to participate in this planning process from beginning to end."**

We hereby request that the Bureau Of Land Management include all persons on the mailing list that have provided public comments and included a mailing address. If people that have provided public comments are not included on the mailing list they will not be furnished with important updates or notified so they can continue to participate in the planning process during other public comment periods. The Bureau Of Land Management needs to work for the public not against them.

Please explain in a written reply what your purpose is in excluding dozens of participants from the Western Oregon Plan Revisions mailing list?

F.O.R.M. is a Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation registered in the State of Oregon. We work for the public interest. We hereby reserve the right to submit individual comment letters.

Please place this comment letter in the public comment file for The Western Oregon Plan Revisions to be made available for public review in its entirety. By reference we hereby incorporate this comment letter to any other comment letter submitted by us or our supporters regarding The Western Oregon Plan Revisions.

We hereby request that you keep us informed and updated as to all decisions or actions that take place regarding this matter. Our Fax Report and Certified Mail Receipt will serve as proof of service upon you on or before the extended public comment due date of December 10, 2007.

We hereby request that our concerns and the comments that we have provided be addressed and considered in developing a management plan for The Western Oregon Plan Revisions. We wish to be involved in the planning process from beginning to end. Additional concerns may be submitted at a later time.

The seriousness of this issue merits a prompt written response. We hereby request that you respond to us in writing. We request that you provide a written answer to all of the questions outlined in this document in a timely manner. The public interest cannot be lawfully served by ignoring comment letters provided to you or by excluding certain members of the public from the planning process.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

very truly yours,

Kathleen Kidwell

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cc Senator Ron Wyden
Congressman David Wu
Other Interested Parties