



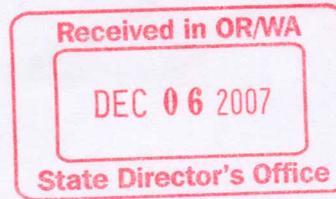
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Dear Mr. Shepherd:



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LTM, Incorporated, an aggregate, concrete and road construction business has been an important natural resource industry in Oregon for many years. Our industry is dependent upon a good economy and maintaining quality of life so we can attract and keep an excellent workforce.

The BLM Western Oregon Plan Revisions impact another natural resource industry, the timber industry as well as forest health and funding for county services. All of these are critically important to our quality of life.

Of the three alternatives being considered by the BLM, Alternative 2 is the best management approach to meet the immediate funding needs of local counties, while working to protect our environment. (However, having plans is not enough. We need to ensure that when the Plans are finalized that they receive adequate funding so that they can be fully implemented.)

BLM O&C land should be managed to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire in federal forests and surrounding lands. We feel strongly that BLM should maintain access for recreation, such as hunting, fishing and boating, and also for fire suppression.

Timber sale revenues should generate at least an annual amount equal to the funding that was provided to local counties through the federal county payments bill. The increased logging should provide increases in local jobs in the mills.

Alternative 2 is the alternative that comes closest to fulfilling the social and economic as well as environmental requirements of the WOPR.

Respectfully,

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