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ends: A healthy forest is good for the atmosphere, the planet, the old-folks, & the workers.

Our old growth is a precious heritage. Let these forests "do their thing". Please manage the others sustainably & to provide an on-going employment rather than the clear-cutting "boom & bust".

The WOPR proposes to inflame the controversy by increasing old-growth clearcutting for a short-term economic fix. The WOPR puts water quality at risk and would destroy some of Oregon's most special places. We should protect our remaining mature and old-growth forests on public land, not clearcut these natural treasures.

It is disappointing that at a time when public consensus for old-growth protection and second-growth thinning has never been stronger, the BLM is proposing to clearcut forests older than our nation and turn complex ecosystems into tree plantations most susceptible to severe wildfire.

Please protect remaining old-growth forests, focus active management of BLM lands in already logged-over areas, and create job opportunities in restoration thinning projects that benefit watersheds and generate wood products without multiplying past mistakes.

Yes!

Sincerely,

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Date December 5, 2007

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