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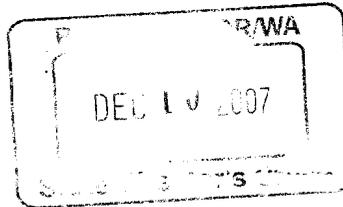
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RE: Jackson County Response to the Western Oregon Plan Revisions DEIS

Dear Mr. Shepard:

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners is pleased to offer its response to the DEIS for the Western Oregon Plan Revisions. This letter summarizes the response, which is enclosed in the form of recommendations.

First, we commend the BLM for the depth and breadth of analysis conducted for the DEIS. The information was very helpful for the process we conducted to develop our recommendations.

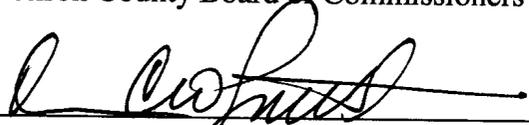
During the past few months, Jackson County conducted an extensive process to develop local input for consideration by the Commissioners. We put together a diverse committee of stakeholders and experts to review the DEIS and develop recommendations. We were also interested in gathering more extensive local input and held a workshop that included citizens with a broad array of interests from a variety of organizations. We received many written comments that were taken into consideration by the committee members as they developed their recommendations.

On December 4, 2007, the Board of Commissioners endorsed the committee's recommendations and requests that a new alternative be developed to incorporate those recommendations. The management plan for the Medford District must take into account the extreme fire risk and different forest types in this area. It must support increasing harvest levels to support jobs and the economy while managing for fire resiliency, forest health, and ecological values. We believe these recommendations strike an important balance where the objectives of the O&C Act and other federal laws can be met, while also meeting the needs and interests of local governments and citizens.

We thank the Medford District manager, Tim Reuwsaat, and his staff for their support and assistance during this process.

Sincerely,

Jackson County Board of Commissioners



Dennis C.W. Smith, Chair



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enclosures:

- 1) WOPR Core Group Consensus Recommendations
- 2) Jackson County WOPR Core Group