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RE: WOPR DEIS

I wholeheartedly oppose the BLM's Preferred Alternative for WOPR. The groundbreaking perspectives of the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan, with its large-scale, longterm view of the land, is not to be ignored. Decreased protection of old-growth forests and aquatic habitats, as well as less resilience to fire risks -- a great concern to those of us living near BLM lands -- is in direct conflict with existing plans/laws, not to mention the very words of the original O & C Act itself. And increasing Off-Highway Vehicle use is the last thing we need at such a dire time for this planet.

A recent report by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Admin. summarized that "carbon absorption by vegetation, primarily in the form of forest growth, is expected to decline as maturing forests grow more slowly and take up less carbon dioxide from the atmosphere."

Further, I do not agree that the preferred alternative's purported economic gains are realistic. Mills are closing because of low timber values and low demand. Enough board feet of timber are available in plantations. Recent plans by Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest are worth looking at -- to find ecologically sound timber to provide some funding to our troubled counties, until a longterm solution can be found.

Sincerely,

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