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Dear Western Oregon Plan Revisions

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I am writing this letter to let you know that I am completely opposed to the Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR). The old growth forests have nearly been decimated in the last 150 years! I find it outrageous that so much old growth forests has been cut in such a short time-period. We must preserve the remaining heritage forests for habitat for other species, for the protection of air quality and water quality, and for our future generations.

I am not opposed to logging. I am a consumer of wood products, but believe there must be a better way to continue to plant, harvest and restore existing tree farms. We need to look at sustainability of our forests. Cutting down the remaining old growth is not the answer, in fact, I am appaled that this proposal has made it this far! It seems to be an illegal proposition. The Clean Water Act and Endagered Species Act need to be followed.

This is at best a short-term economic fix. This is not the answer to the the counties need for money.

I am in favor of continuing with the Northwest Forest plan, and choosing the **no action alternative of the WOPR**. 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.

I also support looking at alternative sources of pulp, such as hemp.

Sincerely,



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