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Western Oregon Plan Revisions Office
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RE: BLM Western Oregon Plan Revisions

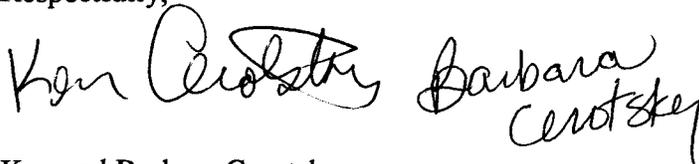
Dear BLM Planners:

We are writing to express our concerns with and objections to the proposed Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR) recently released by your office. We object to the proposed short-term solution of increasing old-growth clear-cutting on our state's remaining mature and old-growth public forests. The proposal to build more new logging roads (over a thousand every decade) and create new off highway vehicle emphasis areas is more onerous. These actions adversely affect existing roadless areas, threatened species, water quality and non-motorized recreation. The proposal seems especially odd at a time when the focus should be on protecting these forests to help with solutions to climate change.

We suggest a better alternative is thinning of existing second growth forests. Concentrating on previously logged areas will provide wood to local mills, employment to local people, improve water quality, improve fish and game conditions, and protect the small amount of remaining of the old-growth.

We hope the progressive managers at BLM will reconsider the existing proposal and turn instead to currently logged over areas for wood production. We believe the proposed option will only lead to more conflict and controversy.

Respectfully,



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