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Western Oregon Plan Revision
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Forest Management Plan Revision

More than half of Oregon's land base is owned by the federal government. The citizens are rightfully very interested in the management of the federal timberland involved.

Of the total federal land acreage, the Bureau of Land Management has management responsibilities on 2,557,800 acres. Within this acreage, there are 2,151,200 acres, mostly forested land, that are managed under the requirements of the Oregon and California Lands Act of 1937 (Public Law 75-405). These are very special lands set aside by Congress for a special purpose and use different from other federal lands.

This unique land designation was recently verified in a Court Decision upholding the principles of the 1937 Oregon and California Act as administered by The Bureau of Land Management. Therefore, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Revision of the Resource Management Plans in western Oregon districts is necessary and due.

We have studied the detailed information presented to us recently. The Oregon and California Act of 1937 requires that these lands be managed in permanent forest production to provide economic benefits to local Rural Oregon communities under the principles of sustained yield and watershed protection. These Plans also comply with all applicable federal laws dealing with the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species, The Federal Land Policy Act, etc, plus local issues of environmental protection, full protection for wildlife habitats, aesthetic protection, while granting social concerns and economic benefits to the citizens of rural Oregon especially schools, roads, law enforcement and other rural country services.

We endorse and enthusiastically recommend the Bureau of Land Management adopt Alternative 2 as the revision and replacement for the management of Oregon forest lands.

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