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Vision for Intact Ecosystems & Watersheds

This is my second letter regarding the Western Oregon Plan Revision, which my organization VIEW and I are strongly opposed to. Your response to us was disappointing as it minimized our concerns and the reality of the impacts that increasing clear-cutting 700% of our irreplaceable old growth forest would bring such as killing off endangered species, polluting our water, increasing the risks of landslides and turning the pride of Oregon, our legacy forest into a wasteland and will have tremendous negative financial impacts to property owners, real estate and tourism. For these reasons alone the option for NO ACTION needs to be instituted.

We are relieved that the record will be held open until January 11th 2008 given that some revealing news has surfaced (thanks to Senator Ron Wyden) regarding the Bush administration officials in 2004 overruled federal scientists, determining that marbled murrelets in the Northwest did not need protection under the Endangered Species Act because plenty of the murrelets remain in Canada and Alaska. This is absolutely absurd logic not to mention callous and insensitive to Oregon's endangered wildlife population.

Former deputy assistant secretary of fish, wildlife and parks, Julie MacDonald is under investigation for altering scientific findings and bullying biologist. This is not the first time that biologist and scientist have been bullied under the Bush administration. Also under investigation is a series of misconduct committed by Interior Department officials, which include bribery.

With respect to the ongoing investigations in the scandalous and corrupt performance of these officials it is prudent for the BLM to take NO ACTION to move forward with the WOPR as it appears that it was created with manipulated information, corruption and lies. I would think that if BLM were to move forward with any of the other three options then BLM would be held accountable in any proven case of criminal activity.

Respectfully,
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