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I believe the WOPR that is proposed fails to provide proper environmental protection of old growth stands in the western part of Oregon. The damage and economic losses that can be caused by clear cutting and failing to take environmental issues into account in managing our forests has been all too clearly demonstrated by the recent land slide along Oregon Route 30. Mismanagement of the forest by clear cutting obviously contributed heavily to this expensive disaster. Only the alertness of the highway department in recognizing the imminent landslide prevented significant loss of life..

The WOPR as currently proposed appears to only recognize the short term interests of the timber industry, and does not adequately protect the people of this state from the environmental and economic damage of mismanagement of our forests by the BLM.

I would advocate for restoration of old clear cuts, removal of non-native, invasive vegetation, preservation of the few remaining old growth forests, and thinning and cleaning up of brush from tree plantations on federal lands.

Sincerely,



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