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Dear BLM,

I wish to express my disagreement with the Bush Administration's plan for 2.6 Million acres of Federal Forests as it will undo protections set forth by the Northwest Forest Plan, will lead to degraded water degraded wildlife habitat and it's unnecessary.

WOPR places approx 1/2 of public BLM land in a setting of clearcutting every 80 years and this includes MOST of best BLM old growth forests. 1000 miles of new logging roads per decade are called for as well as creating up to 100,000 miles of new OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE Emphasis Areas. As a hunter and fisherman, I find this plan ridiculous in its scope as it will surely affect fishing, game and nongame wildlife not to mention species endangered or threatened.

I would much rather see thinning of 2nd growth forests, many of which need it and would benefit wildlife to thin out choked 2nd growth stands which are often a monoculture (or close to it) and thus a haven for disease and fires.

Personally, every winter it seems I see more muddy sediment flow down the Mary's River bringing sediment from Coast Range hillsides, I'm sure much of which is from clearcuts and the Bush administration WOPR will only make this worse. The WOPR only reduces biodiversity, increases monoculture, fire and disease risks. We already have too much Monoculture tree growth as a result of bad planning, we don't need more. The Northwest Forest Plan is fine as it is, WOPR is not a solution.

Thank You Very Much

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