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Citizen Commentary
Re: W.O.P.R.
Bureau of Land Management
PO Box 2965
Portland, OR 97208

Dear Sirs:

Regarding the proposed W.O.P.R., or "Whopper," as it's been termed, I'd like to offer a few quick comments.

From its inception, the public lands within the U.S. borders were referred to as "The Public Domain." That is, they are held in common by the tax-paying citizens of the USA. I seriously doubt that the bunch of timber company executives who currently dictate policy at the BLM have considered or have much interest in the fact that this public domain and all that lives and grows upon it is shared by We the People of the United States of America, and we don't much like what we're seeing!

Also from its inception, the administrators of these public lands were charged with the duties of stewardship—as guardians of this domain, to put it to its "highest and best purpose."

It has been long understood that multiple uses, within reasonable bounds, were to be accepted and even welcomed. However, in every respect W.O.P.R. is dreadfully excessive and downright wrong—suicidal as well as homicidal.

Bother to look up the word "steward" or stewardship." I don't believe that you'll see any reference to anything like, "To rape, plunder, pillage and poison." And this being done on a massive scale at that!

As for the old growth (anything over 100 yrs.), stay the hell out of there altogether. **DO NOT TOUCH IT!**

The word here is "No." No confidence, no compromises—just "NO!" Is my position on this matter clear enough?

Sincerely yours,

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as a partner in "The Public Domain."