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Western Oregon Plan Revisions  
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Sir:

The Public Lands Foundation (PLF) has studied the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Revision of the Resource Management Plans of the Western Oregon Bureau of Land Management Districts, dated August 2007. We have the following comments:

PLF is a national non-profit conservation organization founded in 1987. Our membership is primarily retired former employees of the BLM. PLF's mission is to support keeping the public lands managed by BLM in public hands and to foster the proper use, protection and management of these lands to sustain their ecological, social and economic vitality through education and advocacy.

We support the implementation of Alternate No 2. We find that this alternative best fulfills BLM's statutory mission and responsibilities. We believe this alternative contributes to the recovery of species listed under the Endangered Species Act; maintains or improves water quality; reduces fire hazard risks in many areas; satisfies the demand for a variety of recreational uses and produces an economic return to local communities and the nation from a sustained yield of timber products.

We support the planning criteria that nearly 50% of the land area in the BLM Western Oregon Districts is excluded from the harvesting of forestland products and is being dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of endangered species, water quality, and riparian areas.

The preparation of the draft EIS has been a massive effort and the Public Lands Foundation applauds BLM for a very comprehensive and professional document.

Sincerely,

George Lea, President