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Dear BLM:

I am writing to you concerning the WOPR resource management plan. I understand that the draft EIS contains many hundreds of pages. I have read the summary of the draft EIS. These reports are very technical and complex by nature.

I am unable to understand why the three revision alternatives all contain provisions for clearcutting (regeneration harvest) old growth forests (or late successional reserves) when there is ample scientific evidence that such practices are ecologically devastating. I am not anti-logging. I understand the need for wood products, the economy, and land management history.

With all of the research allegedly put into this report why is there not an alternative that would allow select cutting of crowded young stands and preservation of LSR's for perpetuity? An approach such as this would be labor intensive--adding jobs, it would provide wood and wood pulp, and would clearly be the best alternative for the ecology of the environment.

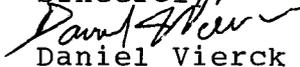
If an alternative like this does not meet the O & C Lands Act of the 1930's then that law should be amended.

Instead of following scientific knowledge, it appears that the BLM is mired in politics and public land use policy is once again the domain of the big timber industry.

Any return to old growth logging will bring out hordes of concerned citizens and start the foolish "timber wars" all over again. By the way, the writings on the wall. Proposing alternative 2 with greatly increased old growth logging and then backing down to alternative 1 with moderately increased logging is not a compromise.

At this time the only choice I could choose is the "no action" alternative. Thank you for your time and understanding.

Sincerely,



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