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Dear BLM:

I am writing to oppose the Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR) to convert old growth forest to timber management areas. I believe that this plan is ill conceived and backward thinking. I think that our priority is to manage our land in a way that protects our environment and creates new sources of revenue, in this case, by using already-cut forests to provide small-diameter wood.

If the plan is implemented, we risk losing even more water reserves. As a person who lives adjacent to BLM land, I don't relish the idea of an even greater fire hazard. I enjoy eating salmon and believe that we should protect the diversity of the life that lives in the forests. The WOPR would not allow for this consideration in a serious way.

Our state economy is in desperate shape. Let's make a plan that will foster small business growth and the development of sustainable, green businesses. Let's try to keep the revenues generated going to local workers and businesses that will be around and useful in 50 years. The WOPR is not an investment in our economy and future; rather it permits pillaging by allowing clearcutting.

I urge that you reject this plan and create one that is responsible and forward-thinking. Thank you.

Yours truly,



Rose Gerstner