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Dear State Director Ed Shepard

I am writing to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Revision of the Resource Management Plans of the Western Oregon Bureau Of Land Management.

I have lived on Crooked Creek in Benton County for eighteen years. The property I own adjoins BLM land near Route 34 six miles northeast of Alsea. This land is steeply sloped and forested. Fish studies of our creek have shown coho, chinook, and steelhead living here, and I have seen the fish spawning.

I am concerned that if logging were to occur on the slope above my home, soil erosion may occur, or even worse, devastating landslides, which could endanger the fish in the stream, as well as the properties of the people who live below the hillside, and even the people themselves.

Of the three Alternatives offered for comment, my choice is "NO ACTION". I believe that public forest lands should be managed for fish and wildlife first, and that all timber extraction be accommodating to the needs of fish and wildlife. I am against the logging of old growth forest. I am concerned about my own neighborhood, certainly, but I also care about the old growth forest near Alsea Falls and other areas where logging will cause long term changes that will not heal in the lifetimes of my grandchildren.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Western Oregon Plan Revision.

Very truly yours,

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