

Western Oregon Plan Revisions
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have perused Volumes I-III of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement of the Western Oregon Plan Revisions for the Bureau of Land Management. I have reached the following conclusion: I prefer the No-Action Alternative because I believe it will best preserve the forest ecology and natural environment for the future.

I lived next to two BLM parcels that are in Sec. 33, T2S, R7E in the Mt. Hood area for 30 years. These parcels seem to be slated for administrative withdrawal under proposed Alternatives 1, 2, and 3. I believe that they should be preserved in their present state and should be included in the National Landscape Conservation System for the following reasons:

1. They are in the Mt. Hood Scenic Corridor.
2. They have large talus slopes with outstanding scenic views of the Sandy and Salmon River valleys and surrounding mountains.
3. There are very large, very old Douglas Firs on the borders of the talus slopes that serve as nesting sites for large raptors.
4. The talus slopes are home to many pikas, which, I understand, are becoming an endangered species.
5. The BLM parcels in Sec. 33 serve as water sheds for several springs which supply many people, as well as being the source of Hackett Creek.
6. There is a network of hiking trails on these parcels which are used by quite a few people.

The above are some of the reasons I believe that the BLM parcels in Sec.33, T2S, R7E should be preserved in their natural states.

Sincerely,

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