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Mr. Edward Shepard, State Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
Western Oregon Plan Revisions  
PO Box 2965  
Portland, Oregon 97208

RE: Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR)

Dear Director Shepard:

On January 2, 2008, I sent via e-mail, a response to your request for input for the BLM's WOPR process.

In addition to those comments sent electronically, I also want to emphasize the importance of timber supply to western Oregon's forest products sector and the communities in which it operates. Since the dramatic decrease in federal timber sale output levels in the early 1990's, Hampton's sawmills in Willamina and Tillamook have sourced significant volume from the state of Washington to replace lost federal supply. Out of necessity to do so, many of our competitors throughout western Oregon have also done the same. Due primarily to new manufacturing capacity being added in Washington, this imported fiber which has helped to support Oregon's remaining forest products infrastructure over the last decade is at significant risk of being intercepted by these new facilities which are much closer to the Washington resource base.

Unless something is done to improve Oregon's supply of public timber, the forest products sector in this state will face another round of downsizing. The inevitable disruption to the social fabric of timber dependent communities will be staggering, just as it was in the late 1980's and early 1990's.

Along with the economic and social stress facing Oregon's timber dependent communities, additional loss of forest products manufacturing capacity through the lack of adequate timber supply will also compromise forest health and environmental values as we lose the people and equipment needed to manage our public forestland.

As stated in my previous message, I urge the BLM to adopt a management strategy that optimizes timber outputs and revenue flow consistent with the trust mandate associated with the O&C lands. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
HAMPTON TREE FARMS, INC.

David E. Ivanoff  
President