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Sirs:

I'm writing to offer comment on the WOPR in relation to O&C lands in the Umpqua River watershed.

I live in San Francisco now, but lived during the 1990s on the main Umpqua below Roseburg, traveling upstream to the North Umpqua not only to fish but to enjoy a unique resource.

Opening old growth reserves, roadless areas and riparian buffers on the Umpqua watershed to increased logging, whether it's to the east or west of Interstate 5, is a very bad idea,

I'm specifically disturbed that:

- the timber harvest would increase by over two-fold to 727mmbf/year
- riparian protection areas would decrease by over 70%, resulting in decreased shade and the spread of invasive plant species
- the Draft Environmental Impact Statement has no analysis of decreased summertime flows resulting from higher winter runoff rates
- the DEIS' claim is based on analysis that can't address potential impacts resulting from localized management activities
- the preferred alternatives simply assume that there is no damage to the Outstandingly Remarkable Values on the North Umpqua River's Recreational River segment of the Wild & Scenic River System
- the preferred alternatives are likely to create negative impacts on water quality

Please don't trade the enduring and irreplaceable value of treasured resources for the short-term profit of a few timber companies.

Respectfully yours,


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