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Bureau of Land Management,

This letter concerns the support of the Northwest Forrest Plan (NWFP) established in 1994 and the opposition of the Bureau of Land Managements plans' to open up old-growth forests in portions of Western Oregon to clear cutting. Old-growth forests provide habitat to numerous species, such as the marbled murrelet and the Northern Spotted Owl which depend on its habitat diversification for growth. The addition of roads, automobile traffic and pollution to tear down trees pose negative consequences for the forest and all species that exist in it.

Protecting all mature and old-growth forests from clear cutting reinforces healthy development of species and forest restoration. Clean water will also remain from eliminating the possibility of hazardous run off from gasoline and other toxic chemicals.

Please take these important points into consideration when pressure from the Bush Administration is felt and remember the negative impact on the environment that the administration has already enacted. Take the responsible approach of keeping forests as is and identify the real consequences of clear cutting such as habitat and species loss and pollution of the air and water ways. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


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