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Bureau of Land Management/WOPR Office
Portland, Oregon

Dear Government Officials:

Please hear my citizen's voice: the environmental costs for the economic gain under the WOPR are too high.

As a retired Cottage Grove, Oregon, high school teacher, I write you on behalf of future generations. My life will have ended in the next decade or so. But our children and our children's children need the great Northwest forests' gifts to humanity: oxygen replenishment, CO-2 absorption, soil stabilization, wildlife habitat, soil moisturizing and replenishing, stream cooling/salmon protection, spiritual refreshment, self-replicaton. Please do not destroy the precious little bit of old growth that we have worked so hard to preserve thus far. It truly is not ours; we will have to find another way to find economic relief!

A top BLM-government priority should be careful management of our forests, not their elimination. It is time to create a policy that assures sustainable forestry practices rather than cut precious old growth timber stands for a short-term gain. In this way Oregon can be a model for the world and leave her children their rightfully-deserved legacy.

Sincerely yours,



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