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Bureau of Land Management
Western Oregon Plan Revision
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Dear Bureau of Land Management,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Western Oregon Plan Revision proposed by the Bureau of Land Management. I believe that all the three alternatives proposed are unacceptable because none of these provide sufficient protection for Oregon's forests or endangered species.

Alternative 2, the "Preferred" alternative, is worst of all because it allows aggressive clearcutting. It assumes that the northern spotted owl does not require large areas of old growth forests. At least six scientific peer reviews have concluded that the recovery plan does not preserve enough old growth forests to sustain the threatened population of spotted owls.

In addition, the proposed addition of 1,000 miles of new roads would harm water quality in nearby streams and rivers, and this is of paramount importance to those of us who live in rural areas and depend on ground water in our wells.

Please re-think your positions, and propose a fourth alternative that puts species preservation, clean water, and saving of old growth forests as highest priority. In particular, please ensure that a particularly valued old growth area near Eugene is preserved as a Late Successional Reserve/Late Successional Management Area: T19S. R06W. Sec 17, the "Grandmothers" of Wolf Creek, which is valued by many of us Oregonians for environmental education and recreation.

Yours truly,


Richard Freund