To Edward Shepard and others,

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The Western Oregon Plan Revision is completely unacceptable as it stands. It must be revised! I see that the proposal involves logging old growth, "regeneration harvest" (clear cutting), and reducing the stream buffer zone by 75%! There is no doubt in my mind that this proposal would leave our forests and waterways decimated. They will be more susceptible to fire, disease, and siltation, reducing the health of these ecosystems.

I object to every alternative proposed. Please leave all old growth standing. Please only use "thinning" to extract timber. Please leave the stream buffer of 100 feet intact to help prevent siltation of our waterways.

Let's talk about global warming. Studies show that deforestation accounts for at least 18% of global warming effects. Forests are a sink for carbon dioxide. Clearcutting them will increase global warming effects. At this critical time in our history we must do what we can to keep global warming at bay. No regeneration harvesting!!!

Let's talk about fire. Old growth trees actually act as fire blocks and suppressors due to their thick bark. The ecosystems they create are wet and the canopy is at a diversity of heights, reducing the likelyhood of hot crown fires. I see your proposal advocates replanting which would reduce forest crown diversity and create an environment ripe for a fire to rip right through. Please leave the old growth trees which help slow and block forest fires!

Let's talk about disease. Your replanting practices reduce forest diversity. That point cannot be argued with. Lack of diversity in any ecosystem leaves it susceptible to disease, especially with Sudden Oak Death knocking on the door which affects Doug firs, Madrones, and big leaf maple among others. This disease is devastating and spreads on wet soil through machinery and boots. Do not invite this disease into Oregon! Do not use "regeneration harvest" followed by replanting. Only use thinning to maintain forest diversity!

Times are changing in Oregon and it's time the BLM changed with them. Please, be the change we wish to see in this world by looking before you leap and seeing this valuable resource **we** have, old growth forests! Keep our streams clear and clean! Maintain the health and vitality of the matrix as much as possible while extracting timber.

This pivotal timber extraction proposal could be the opportunity for the BLM to show the people that you truely are stewards of the land and that you do care for the future of Oregon's natural resources.

Show us! We believe in this vision of you.

With hopes for a better tomorrow,

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