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CC: Rep. Peter DeFazio, Senator Ron Wyden, Senator Gordon Smith

Re: BLM Western Oregon Plan Revisions

Dear BLM,

The WOPR is unacceptable for any number of reasons. Here are just a few.

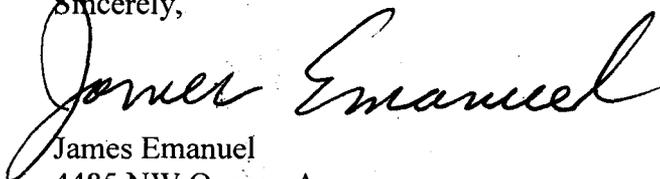
The WOPR is another crass political maneuver by the Bush Administration, which is based on the economic interests of its political allies, rather than the sound science of the Northwest Forest Plan. The WOPR will increase water pollution, erosion, degrade fish and wildlife habitat, retard natural forest regeneration and increase wild fire intensity.

The WOPR sacrifices the remaining old growth (A tiny fraction of the vast stands here when Lewis and Clark arrived.) for the sake of short term economic gain. A 700% increase in old growth logging is unconscionable. A 9:1 ratio of clear cutting to thinning is criminal. The WOPR completely ignores the contribution of old growth to carbon sequestration and climate regulation.

History and archeology show us that civilizations that deforest their territories ultimately disappear. Americans expect federal resource agencies to manage the public lands for the long term benefit of the many, not the short term gain of the few. Americans expect federal land managers to focus on thinning second growth forests, the intensive management of logged over public land and the protection of remaining old growth stands.

Americans expect the BLM to apply the best science available to the stewardship of the lands entrusted to its care. If the BLM is not able to resist the intense political pressure brought by the Bush Administration and its allies, to pillage the public lands, then Congress must intervene.

Sincerely,



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