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Dear BLM Administrators,

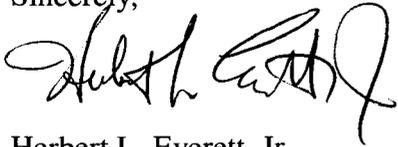
I am most concerned about the WOPR. The proposals seem to fly in the face of accepted science concerning global warming, salmon run restoration, forest management practices, endangered species protection and the Northwest Forest Plan. The monies that would flow to counties, while certainly useful at this point in time, would be only a short-term fix, and I do not regard this as worth the damage to our NW forest ecosystems which the WOPR would cause.

Frankly, it's time to look forward, not backward. Carbon sequestration, rejuvenating streams, and providing sanctuaries for both wild creatures and human beings are much more important than getting the cut out for short term benefits. The Northwest Forest Plan, while certainly not perfect, at least recognizes some of these values. We should not forget how long it took to work out that compromise. I feel that there is simply not enough old growth forest left that we can afford to squander it for opportunistic political reasons. To overturn the NW Forest Plan via the WOPR would reopen the running battle which the Plan sought to put an end to.

Specifically, Alternative 3 would be the worst scenario, with alternative 2 only slightly less destructive. Alternative 1 might be better than the other two, but I would prefer the No Action Alternative to any of the others.

Thank you for your consideration. I appreciate your extending the comment period.

Sincerely,



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