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Bureau of Land Management
Western Oregon Plan Revisions Office
333 SW 1st Avenue
Portland, OR 97208

Dear Sirs:

The WOPR is a travesty of good sense and good science. I can only assume you are pushing it to curry favor with the Bush administration, even though that administration will soon be out of office. You surely are aware of the following arguments.

The danger of wildfires in western forests is already enormous, and every indication is that it will become worse. Your own analyses show our best fire future would result from a continuation of present management, not in the Plan's increase of 200,000 acres of "high fire severity" category and the decrease of the present forests' fire resiliency. Increasing fire danger to the forest is bad enough, but there will also be increased danger to many homes because of the checkerboard pattern of BLM lands.

The dangers of global warming have been well documented by now. Destroying old growth forests increases those dangers. Newly planted plantation forests do little or nothing to help.

The economy of this region needs sustainable logging. There are more than 10 million acres of forest in the Northwest that need to be thinned, which would produce billions of board feet of timber, which would help our economy tremendously. Our workers, communities and the environment all need this.

We need forests which will attract recreational use and yield an ongoing tourist economy and which will keep our streams and rivers healthy. Cut over lands won't do this.

And in case you haven't noticed, the majority of Western voters are in favor of preserving the very small remnant of old growth forests and will happily support endless lawsuits to prevent the said logging.

Sincerely,


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