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To Whom It May Concern:

As a concerned, voting citizen of Oregon, I am writing to comment on BLM's Western Oregon Plan Revision: I deeply dislike it; I deeply distrust it.

Adding 1,000 miles of new roads to expedite resource extraction; eliminating 57% of the tree buffers along rivers and streams that our human population and our salmon require for life and health; threatening endangered species' habitat; spreading herbicides that find their way into our aquifers; failing to treasure our remaining Old Growth forests for their own sake and as carbon storage areas in an environmentally troubled time—these possibilities make your agency look bad as guardians of a public trust. No, the BLM could not be influenced by timber industry greed or be professionally and ethically bankrupt—so one would like to believe, at any rate.

Clear-cutting an irreplaceable national treasure, and incidentally releasing carbon at a ferocious rate during an age threatened by global warming, seems short-sighted at best, stupid and politically comprised at worst. Please be neither!

If cut one must, then at least adopt Representative DeFazio's plan to thin selectively, and *only* from 2nd growth timber. It might just work, you know, even if it generates less industry profit. Plus, it will save you folks decades in court trying to convince the judiciary and citizenry that you are not intentionally gutting the Endangered Species Act.

Very truly,


Marguery Lee Zucker