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**Daniel & Claudia request the following public comments be entered in the BLM public record, during this comment period on or before March 17, 2006.**

1. We want BLM to accept the “Community-Conservation Alternative” as a new alternative for the WOPR range of alternatives submitted from Or. Heritage Forest & Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center.
2. We want BLM to keep the NW Forest Plan intact, which includes BLM & national forest lands. Continue to protect old growth forest without issuing any “take permits” for Spotted Owls ever again.
3. Commercially thin trees 18 inches or smaller with “Stewardship” programs. Use local restoration businesses, such as “Lomakatsi” in Southern Oregon to thin old plantations.
4. Include a fuels management thinning program in the winter months, in and around urban residential BLM neighbors. Use local restoration business as mentioned in #3. This gives work to local mills.
5. The proposed range of alternatives, do not represent the environmental community, we pay taxes and deserve to be recognized in this process, see item #1. Build trust, don't destroy trust with us.
6. Do not allow the use of herbicides on our public lands. The animals of the forest and the trees are under enough stress due to global warming. Use manual labor and “goat contracts” to rid of noxious weeds.
7. Transfer BLM lands to the U.S. Forest Service, to be managed as one and to remain an integral part of the NW Forest Plan. Transfer all BLM employees with same pay wage into the Forest Service.
8. Under the new proposal or range of alternatives, BLM no longer has to help endangered species to recover; they only have to avoid killing them off entirely. This is called “avoiding jeopardy”. This is unacceptable, where are accountability people? Taking away habitat for Murrelets, Salmon, owls, red tree voles, Goshawks, and other Endangered or threatened species is criminally and morally wrong!
9. Limit the amount of trees that can be cut in a partial cut. Partial cuts look more and more like clear cuts. Ban all clear cutting of trees on all BLM public forest lands.
10. Do not log within 2 miles of road less areas, recreation areas, trails, wilderness areas, or campgrounds. The public loves Oregon forest and do not want to see heavy management activities in these areas.
11. Do not log wildlife corridors, especially near or around road less areas, wilderness or unentered forest. BLM must provide some old growth refuge within a landscape dominated by private land clear cuts & to connectivity/dispersal habitat that

- connects larger blocks of habitat on N.F. lands. Scientists concluded 12 years ago that endangered wildlife cannot be protected without adequate safeguards for old growth forest on BLM lands
12. BLM needs to recognize their errors of the past (clear cutting, cause's flammable brush to grow back 100 fold). Ask congress for restoration money for fuels management thinning projects. Make this a priority "alternative".
  13. Healthy beautiful forest brings in economical stability for the state of Oregon. By logging BLM lands of its old growth legacy trees, this brings down property values of private adjacent lands, it threatens the quality and amount of our pure drinking waters, it destroys reproduction lands for our wildlife to persist on. Logging has a negative economical impact for fishing, bird watching and hunting, due to loss of valuable forest habitat & stream habitat.
  14. The proposed range of 5 alternatives are increasing the commercial ASQ timber cuts, not decreasing it. I would like to dialog Alternative #1 with a fuels mgmt. addiction to it at the fall 2006 scoping mtg.
  15. Allow 3 to 4 hours of time to examine each proposed alternative at the public scoping meeting coming this fall. Help build trust again. The environmental community feels BLM has already sold out to the timber industry and BLM is going pick a high timber volume alternative, to keep their confidential deal with the timber industry. The timber industry did not reveal themselves at the March 9<sup>th</sup> Grants Pass scoping mtg. Why?
  16. At least analyze the "Community Conservation Alternative" recognize it, and add it to the range of alternatives. Give BLM some credibility to help build trust with the public.
  17. ORV "off road vehicules" cause extreme erosion and soil sediment to our Salmon and Trout streams and rivers. As a BLM neighboring home, we do not want our peace and quiet destroyed nor do we want to see the animals of forest disturbed by ORV's roaring through our forest lands. BLM does not have a budget for extra security to enforce laws concerning ORV misuse of our public lands. Current enforcement is a ongoing problem, let's not make our punliv lands into an ORV playground. We urge BLM to delete the Ferris Gulch Williams Applegate ORV area and the 12 other proposed areas.
  18. Do not build new roads, we have enough roads. We want hunters and fisherman and women to be able to walk into the forest to enjoy their sports. No new roads helps connectivity for winter thermal cover for deer.
  19. Do not clear-cut, those days are over. Select cut in future thinning contracts, while leaving old growth legacy trees for endangered species habitat, such as the Spotted Owl.
  20. Global warming has not been recognized nor analyzed by the BLM scientist in the WOPR. We urge you to DELETE the WOPR and continue managing our public forest with the NW Forest Clinton Plan.

We look forward to hearing your response concerning issues 1 thru 20.

Thank you, Daniel & Claudia Beausoleil

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