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**Western Oregon Plan Revision
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We have just reviewed your December, 2007 Plans Review News. I am encouraged to write again as a result of Glen & Rhoda Love's letter to the Editor in the Register-Guard (1-6-08)

The Newspaper had written an editorial condemning the 'Plan' for it started new clear cutting. The Love's write in the same mode with a heading, "BLM's plan revives clear-cutting."

As a native of SW Oregon I am very familiar with the forest from pre and post War 11 working as a rigging man in high lead logging in both Coos and Lane County. It put through the University by '49 as a business major. I spent 45 years in the logging equipment distributing business. So my opinions come from on the ground experience and not from what I read or hear in the news media.

First, I have not read the words 'clear cut' in any of the material on the revised plan. The press have mislead the public.

Second, it is not guess work for your managers to know what happens when we log some of the forest. We are surrounded by excellent examples of good forest management. It has NOT destroyed the air, soil, water or carbon absorbing ability of the forest. Is it true that the young forest absorb more carbon than old growth? Note; Oxbow, Tillamook, Fall Creek, McKenzie drainage, and Private Timber lands as examples

Third, we are baffled by so much of the public being uninformed on what old growth timber is or at least was in my history of the forest. In my two appointments on the Eugene District BLM Advisory Committee we were given publications identifying old growth as 400-600 years old. Even in your own staff are people who miss identify what is old growth.

Fourth, is to state preponderance evidence of major changes and improved designs of logging equipment, which materially reduces any damage to all the elements of the forest. The Environs show pictures from decades ago which are not true today. Therefore, we applaud your choice of Alternative 2 as far better than past decades of non-use.

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Letter to the Editor
The Register-Guard
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To: ¹⁻⁸⁻⁰⁸ Western Oregon Plan
Revision. **COPY**

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BLM Facts, Oregon and Washington, 1987 from U.S. Department of the Interior is identified by the above. And we quote:

1. "An important aspect of the BLM administration is that BLM returns a profit to the Federal Treasury for the investment made in it by its shareholders-the American taxpayer. During fiscal year 1987 we reported receipts of \$154,290,184 against expenses of \$82,043,283. As always, those receipts were shared with state, county and local governments. A total of \$78,675,755 was distributed in Oregon and Washington."

Twenty years ago, that is the way we-the American taxpayer- supported our local government.

You have read on these same pages the many writers, so called eco-friendly foresters, who have totally disregarded the facts as recorded in the historical records of BLM history.

2. We have all also read in these same pages that our local governments are in the process of near collapse for lack of funding. The resources to fund our government bodies are there in the forest that now contains more board feet of timber than when Eugene Skinner first arrived.

Just look at pictures of Skinner's Butte then and now.

Those silly old fir trees grow like weeds here in Oregon and Washington.

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1 + 2 tie together - If you (BLM)
do not start a harvesting program
we (public) will suffer needlessly -
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EDITORIALS & LETTERS

BLM's plan revives clear-cutting

We applaud The Register-Guard's New Year's Eve editorial opposing the Bureau of Land Management Western Oregon Plan Revisions which, if implemented, would reinstate clear-cutting of giant old growth trees in forest and riparian reserves in Western Oregon.

The plan is a dangerous new government scheme that would decimate our ancient forests and threaten protection for our rivers and streams.

Our research shows that the plan would affect forests throughout Western Oregon. West and east of Salem, cutting of old growth trees would increase 31 percent, with much of this new logging taking place near Mary's Peak.

In the Eugene District, protection of old growth and riparian areas would drop more than 14 percent, with most of the new cutting taking place in the Siuslaw River and McKenzie River watersheds. Siltation of our pristine rivers and streams inevitably would follow.

Areas near Coos Bay and Reeburg would follow this same pattern. And near Medford, areas protected by the BLM would drop to less than half their present acreage.

Before our forest and riparian reserves were established, approximately 90 percent of our west-side old growth forests, the giant

*Re my letter to
Western Oregon Plan
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1-8-08

*> We've cut the forest
for all my 83 years
and I understand we
have more standing forest
now than 1640 when
the pilgrims arrived*

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