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Re: Western Oregon Plan Revisions

BLM,

I disapprove of your proposed Western Oregon Plan Revisions and request that you revise them to retain current protections for fish, wildlife, forests and streams.

I have specific concerns in the following areas:

- Streamside Buffer Strips: Wild fish populations are now beginning to recover from past declines. Reduced buffer strips will increase temperatures and turbidity, putting these populations at risk again. Please retain the current streamside buffer strips.
- Old growth timber "Late Successional Reserves" provide protection for wildlife, recreation, and protect water quality. These areas should not be logged.
- Roads: additional road building damages water quality effecting fish and the water we drink. Additional roads harm wildlife and are expensive to maintain. No new roads should be built.
- Off-highway vehicles (ATVs) damage land, water and solitude and can harm game. ATVs should be kept on existing roads.

The forests and rivers are very important to me and my family for recreation and we believe we need to preserve and enhance them for future generations. Additionally, the forests provide valuable economic benefits from recreation that would be diminished under your proposals.

Please revise your draft plan to conform with my concerns.

Sincerely,



Walter V. Petty