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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Environment Impact Statement for the Revision of the Resource Management Plans for of the Western Oregon BLM Management Districts.

Our recommendation is the "No Action Alternative" for the following reasons:

1. On December 7th, the Ninth Circuit said the U.S. Forest Service erred because it:
 - Exempted from the National Environmental Policy Act a huge class of logging classified as "fuels reduction" first, and then later gathered the environmental impact data
 - Failed to assess the cumulative effects of logging 1.2 million acres per year nationwide
 - Failed to assess highly controversial and uncertain risks of impacts
 - Failed to put more specific constraints on what can be logged
2. There is minimal or no regard for Northern Spotted Owl habitat.
3. The effects of global warming have not been addressed in the BLM management plans.
4. The cumulative effects of logging on Coast Range private and ODF lands have recently come to the front page with catastrophic flooding and landslides.
5. Finally, revenue predictions for even the most aggressive "alternative 3" logging will still not replace the monies lost if the federal government doesn't continue funding.

For these reasons we believe a workable alternative to additional logging must be found.

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Sincerely,

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