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Dear Sir,

I've debated for several months about responding to the Western Oregon Plan Revision mainly because, regardless as to what plan is accepted, it will be challenged by environmental groups in the judicial system. The bottom line is, why should I as an individual, a citizen of the state of Oregon, spend my time in reviewing and making comment on a plan if it's only going to be thrown out through law suits brought by environment groups?

We are being blackmailed by environmental interest groups and nobody seems to be doing anything about it. Individuals in the rural Oregon communities ultimately, do not have any say, in the management of public lands.

There is currently, no multiple use management of forest resources, there is currently no stewardship of forest lands, there is currently no forest health, there is currently no economic stability provided for local communities by our forests. Our forests no longer serve the needs of its citizenry, whether on the local, the state, or the national level.

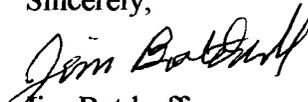
We need to change the ills of the current system of miss management or no management. Frivolous law suits need to be thrown out of the court system. We need to reinstate the intent of the O & C Act. Environmental groups are using the law, as a means to funding their own agenda and goals, and further undermining individual rights.

As public land managers you folks need to produce the products you promised under the current plan.

Our forests are currently being managed by natural occurrences such as fire, wind, and insects.

However, giving an opinion, as far as the option's given under this plan are concerned, I would support Alternate 1, which in my opinion would provide the most benefit to the stability of our local communities and the overall health of our forest resources.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Batdorff