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Bureau of Land Management
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Re: BLM's huge increase in logging old growth forests

It is SHORT-CITED for the BLM to consider increasing the clear-cutting of old growth timber that has been reserved to protect habitat for spotted owls, murrelets and other threatened species. Once these ancient forests are gone, they cannot be replaced.

In addition, roads constructed to reach these forests would allow for more access into these protected and remote areas. The result is that all-terrain vehicles would be able to use these roads to grow marijuana or to race each other deeper into the wilderness, thus causing further harm to the environment.

The new forest management plan created by the Bush administration is political. It would increase the yield from logging, and provide new jobs (at least temporarily) but at the expense of destroying the few remaining stands of old growth forests that remain in America. Watersheds and streams where salmon spawn would also be destroyed. This plan would not fulfill the Endangered Species Act.

I implore you to reconsider this flawed plan.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Beairsto-Lamont