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Bureau of Land Management
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Dear BLM,

As a resident of Oregon for 25 years, I am greatly concerned about your latest plans to institute higher-yield logging on our state's precious public lands, in particular in our last remaining stands of Old Growth Forest. Specifically, I oppose the WOPR. The plan to increase the current yield by 700% is short-sighted and unsustainable. It undercuts habitat protection for the Northern Spotted Owl and salmon and endangers the already fragile watersheds upon which many rely for drinking water. Furthermore, at a time when the effects of global warming are beginning to be felt around the world, it is unthinkable that you would consider opening the Old Growth Forests for clearcut-logging when such forests provide a vital buffer as carbon storage "facilities," if you will. Lastly, I understand that our rural counties have depended for decades on the payments generated by the sale of timber, but it's time, isn't it, that we face reality and begin to acknowledge that such payments are neither a reliable nor a sustainable source of income. We must find other ways of providing for education and services in rural communities. The tourism and recreation industries which might help rural communities in their struggle to survive benefit hugely from the existence of intact, viable forests.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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