



RESTORING FRESH WATER HEALTH THROUGH INNOVATION & EDUCATION

January 10, 2008

WOPR Team, Bureau of Land Management  
Western Oregon Plan Revisions  
P.O. Box 2965  
Portland, OR 97208

Re.: Oregon Trout's comments on the Western Oregon Plan Revision DEIS

Dear BLM:

On behalf of its members, supporters, volunteers, and board of directors, Oregon Trout submits the following comments on the Bureau of Land Management's Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR) draft Environmental Impact Statement. Instead of duplicating lengthy comments, concerns, and recommendations that have already been submitted to you in other lengthy documents, Oregon Trout is supporting comments submitted by the Pacific Rivers Council tied to the WOPR and this DEIS. When reviewing Pacific Rivers Council's comments, please understand that these comments also have Oregon Trout's support.

Oregon Trout's work seeks to protect and restore Oregon's wild native fish populations and the ecosystems on which they depend, as well as educate the public on stewarding freshwater health. We work collaboratively with landowners, land managers, and communities across the state. Public land management has properly entered an era of restoration-focused action. Public opinion, policy direction, and laws have emerged since the adoption of the Oregon & California Lands Act in 1937 that frame the restoration challenges and obligations now at hand. Compliance with the Oregon & California Lands Act can be achieved consistent with this restoration vision and must work in concert with achieving the purposes of laws including the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act (and associated recovery plans), Magnuson Act, and the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. Land management that focuses on the protection and restoration of freshwater health, when properly advanced, produces significant economic benefits as well as saves taxpayers preventable costs by avoiding actions that cause resource damage.

We believe the DEIS's Preferred Alternative #2 fails to protect and restore Oregon's freshwater health, including compliance with the laws and policies that advance this important social, economic, and ecological goal. Our primary concerns over the Preferred Alternative relate to:

- The amount of regeneration harvest and overall approach to tree removal.
- Significant reductions in riparian protection and lack of aquatic restoration actions.
- Advancement of significant new road construction (hundreds of miles) and concurrent lack of focus on maintenance and decommissioning to restore aquatic function.

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- Motorized use management that fails to protect aquatic health and wildlife.

Again, please refer to comments submitted by the Pacific Rivers Council for a more detailed documentation of these concerns.

Sincerely,

**Brett Brownscombe,**  
Conservation Director

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