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Portland, OR 97208

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Dear BLM;

My comments here are intended to stand on public record as witness so that future generations can one day read that there were voices of reason that offered sensible and conservative alternatives to the out-dated and harmful forest management techniques of the BLM. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

I am lucky enough to have been a resident of southern Oregon for over 25 years. I am a year round resident, landowner, and businessman with financial and personal interests completely dependent on a healthy natural environment. The few and small pieces of Old Growth Forests left are sacred and invaluable to most of us that live within this Applegate drainage. For many people, these forests are our cathedrals, our holy places.

I have personally witnessed the results of the BLM management of our lands over the last two and one half decades. In my opinion, the BLM's current and past history of managing our Old Growth Forests has been neglectful and criminal. For the last 7 years the BLM has been a vehicle for the Bush administrations attempts to circumvent environmental laws to secure the ancient forests for the Republican timber interests at pennies per tree. What arrogance to send us a plan like WOPR that:

- promotes OHV use in peaceful farm, forest and ranch land, pitting citizens against each other.
- clearcutting majestic old stands behind the pretense of forest fire prevention.
- Ignores established environmental laws within the Northwest Forest Plan.
- Ignores the issue of global climate change completely.

All of this driven by the outdated O&C Act of 1937.

Therefore I have no choice but to choose the "no action" alternative as the least harmful and most conservative choice offered. If it were possible I would choose a complete moratorium on all BLM projects until after the 2008 election.

Sincerely,

  
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