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Edward W. Shepard
Western Oregon Plan Revisions
P.O. Box 2965
Portland, OR 97208

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the revision of the resource management plans of the western Oregon BLM districts.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I write to express my strong opposition to Alternative 2 proposed in the BLM's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the revision of the resource management plans of the western Oregon BLM districts.

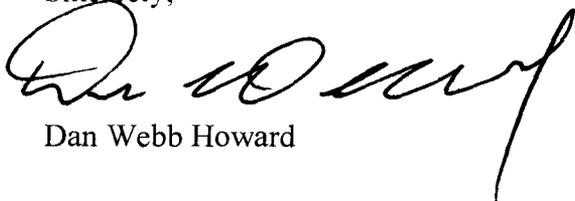
Moreover, I strongly oppose any alternative that proposes a substantial increase in the logging of old-growth forests within this region.

I understand that BLM is interested in attempting to remedy the budget shortfalls facing counties within the western Oregon districts. However, increasing old-growth logging is not the answer. Our natural heritage is a major factor in attracting people and businesses to this region. This influx of individuals and businesses strengthens our local tax base.

Therefore, any short-term revenue gains provided by increased logging will be more than outweighed by the losses we will suffer if we allow our forests to be plundered. In my view, Alternative 2 is a license to plunder.

Please do not implement Alternative 2!!

Sincerely,



Dan Webb Howard