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BLM, Western Oregon Plan Revisions Office
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Dear BLM

I am a 35 year resident of Josephine County who has land adjacent to BLM. I have reviewed your revision plans for the western Oregon BLM lands. Enclosed are my comments.

*OHV—the federal government has neglected to regulate OHV, leaving most BLM lands open to OHV. OHV use is very destructive to the landscape causing a permanent imprint on the land. All 3 to 4 wheeled OHV should be limited to establish roads with 2 wheeled OHV allowed on designated trails. OHV are also very noisy which disturbs wildlife and people and pose a fire danger in the dry season and damages wetlands in the wet season. In wet season they erode the soil, destroy water bars and channel water. OHV spread noxious weeds and other pathogens. I have yet to see where OHV have to clean their vehicle for weed seeds or other pathogens. I took a class at Siskiyou Field Institute which I had to wash the bottom of my shoes. When out in the field with my washed shoes along comes a 4 wheeled truck that instead of going over the establish bridge, this truck went down the embankment into the creek then up the road!!! In the last few years the destruction from OHV has increased. The Off Highway Vehicle Emphasis Area would be sacrifice areas. I have visit areas in California where these types of areas are just crisscrossed with OHV track scars. Joyriding is not an acceptable activity on our public lands especially considering the waste of gas, noise and destruction to our natural resources. Medford Resource Areas is over the top with the number of OHV potential sites. Lane County with a larger population has only one.

*Logging-- BLM's new plan puts timber production ahead of all the other resources. The O&C Act does not demand the federal government to log these lands. The purpose of the O&C states six purposes not just timber removal. It talks about permanent forest production not timber production. It allows interpretation of sustain yield of timber removal. BLM lands are especially valuable because they contain a lot of lower elevation forest which in Oregon are usually privately owned and heavily logged. These forests are important for wildlife. These lands are valuable for recreation because they are closer to population centers and do not require a long drive to enjoy. The plan increases the use of clearcutting which turns a diversity forest into a monocrop. This impacts streams, wildlife, etc., and makes the forest more prone to fire.

*Taxes—The O&C Counties rely too heavy on federal money to supplement their expenses. The federal government needs to pay a fix amount which compensates for usage of county services. The counties need to remember that they do not pay for fire, roads, police etc on these BLM lands. Your graph county federal funds should have gone back to the being of the

O&C act for a more accurate historical prospective. Alternative 2 sets timber harvest revenue at the height of timber production of the late 80's and early 90's.

*Roads-BLM plans more than 1,000 miles of new roads. This is unacceptable. BLM has a hard time managing its present roads. More roads mean more erosion, more noxious weeds, more risk of human caused fires, etc.

*Riparian Areas Protection—BLM's plan would reduce riparian areas protections. Riparian protection is extremely important to aquatic wildlife. It provides shade, stream structure and stability to the banks. As our summer temperature increase due to global warming these buffers along the streams are extremely vital.

*Areas of Critical Environmental-I applaud any new ACEC. These areas protect our landscape heritage. The potential Waldo Takilma ACEC needs to be expanded.

*Public Domain Lands-Public Domain Lands should be managed differently than O&C lands.

I do not want to return to the heyday of turning federal lands into industrial timber sites. The values of the American people have changed over time. I value the ability to travel a short distance and having the freedom to walk in a diverse landscape. Please protect the natural beauty on BLM lands for the present and future generations.

Sincerely yours,

Christie Dunn

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christie Dunn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

CC: Ron Wyden, Gordon Smith, Peter DeFazio