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Dear BLM;

I am writing regarding the Western Oregon Plan Revisions.

I have reviewed the alternatives on your web site and I prefer the No Action Alternative. If I understand it correctly this would allow for the smallest percentage of lands devoted to timber harvest. I would prefer to see the maximum amount of forest lands preserved and regenerated as possible.

I believe that we are in this current dilemma due to excessive and wasteful timber practices in the last century. We are just beginning to feel the negative repercussions of wasteful over consumption. The negatives will only increase as time goes by. If we increase the cut now what will our grandchildren do to solve the problem we have created?

I appreciate all the hard work and effort and research that has gone into creating alternatives. Unfortunately no amount of human ingenuity can grow old growth forest faster than the trees can grow. If you cut on an 80 to 100 year rotation and you are cutting trees that are 100-500 years old you are not creating a stable timber supply. Those old growth forests grew out of the dead and dying matter created by countless seasons of plant growth. When we extract that nutrient source we are depleting the forests capacity to regenerate. Fundamentally we are stealing our children's inheritance.

Thank you,  
Katie Johnson

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