

Bureau of Land Management, Western Oregon Plan Revisions
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CC: Oregon Congressional delegation

Re: BLM Western Oregon Plan Revisions

Dear BLM,

I am very concerned with the direction the Bush Administration is headed in with the management of nearly 2.6 million acres of federal forests under the Western Oregon Plan Revisions. The changes that the BLM is contemplating will unravel the protections of the landmark Northwest Forest Plan, and may lead to water pollution, degraded habitat, and increased conflict and controversy.

Your current proposal is unacceptable. The agency proposes to increase old-growth logging on public lands in western Oregon by 700%, build 1,000 miles of new logging road in the next decade and clearcut at a 9-1 ratio to thinning. This is a myopic and backwards proposal that depletes our natural resource base for future generations by weakening protections for forests, creeks and salmon. Shockingly, the proposal ignores the role that these forests play in regulating the climate.

Most Americans want federal land managers to embrace thinning second growth forests, safeguard communities from wildfire and protect what remains of our nation's ancient forests. By focusing on previously logged public forestlands - many of which are now overgrown and in need of thinning - they are providing wood to local mills while actually improving conditions for fish and wildlife and keeping saws out of precious old-growth forests.

In contrast, the WOPR proposes to inflame the controversy by increasing old-growth clear-cutting for a short-term economic fix. The WOPR puts water quality at-risk and would destroy some of Oregon's most special places. We should protect our remaining mature and old-growth forests on public land, not clear-cut these natural treasures as the WOPR proposes to do.

It is disappointing that at a time when public consensus for old-growth protection and second-growth thinning has never been stronger, the BLM is proposing to clear-cut forests older than our nation and turn complex ecosystems into flammable tree farms.

Please protect remaining old-growth forests, focus active management of BLM lands in already logged-over areas, and concentrate job opportunities in restoration forestry that would benefit watersheds and generate wood products without multiplying past mistakes.

Sincerely,



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Dear BLM,

I am very much against the revision proposed by the Bush Administration and BLM to increase logging in Oregon which could amount to 700% of our most admired and honored ancient trees and forests.

This is the time to compare ourselves to the choices needing to be met by others around the world who face choices between greed and right – good and evil, if you will. In the rainforests of South America it is obvious to us that those people must stop cutting the forest to raise the beef for the quick money. In Africa it is obvious to us that if the bush meat is getting scarce, another way of getting food is needed because soon all game will be gone completely, never to come back. In our oceans it is accepted that hunting the whales which are endangered is unacceptable because they are dying out.

So it is with our giant old trees and the ecology of the forest they protect. It is obvious to most American people that saving these last great areas is important and the job of our scientists, our naturalists, our leaders, and our people. Please help us with this all important job for today and for the generations of the future.

Instead of logging, I strongly advise thinning the many forests that are overstocked and represent fire and disease danger. This would bring jobs to the lumber industry for the estimated two billion board feet of commercially valuable timber.

I absolutely abhor the thought of paying for roads and clearcutting, which completely destroy beautiful natural areas in my state, with my own tax dollars. Please keep this from happening.

Sincerely, Nancy Robinson
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Robinson".