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Western Oregon Plan Revisions
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Dear Mr. Shepard, State Director:

Please consider these comments below in your decision to revise the Oregon BLM Plans:

No Action Alternative:

Excluding 73% of Oregon BLM forestlands from harvest consideration is nonsensical - both economically and environmentally. There are high social and environmental costs when we defer harvest here in our own backyard and purchase lumber and wood product from the boreal old growth forests of Canada and the rain forests of Brazil. Even if some of this may come from plantation wood, the sheer expenditures in cost and production of CO2 created by the transport of these materials from other countries are a carte-blanch example of non-sustainable practices.

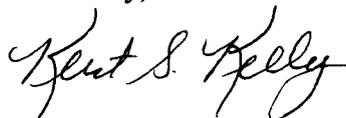
The direct, indirect and cumulative effects of the Forest Service's inability to meet its timber harvest performance goals under the Northwest Forest Plan has not been adequately analyzed in the BLM's Draft EIS.

Open and early seral stage wildlife habitats, and those species that utilize both closed (shelter) and open habitats (browsing) should receive special consideration, because the Forest Service (50% of the forestland in Oregon) is basically managing for closed canopy habitat conditions. This will come at the expense of whole guilds of wildlife species. The BLM is in a special position to assist in the creation of native animal and plant diversity on federal lands (both FS, BLM and National Parks) in Oregon.

I would like to see more emphasis placed on hardwood production and harvests. This aids local industries as well as several species of wildlife.

Alternative 2 makes the most sense to me. Please select an alternative most like that one in your final decision.

Sincerely,



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