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Dear BLM:

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Re: 01/11/08 comment deadline re Western Oregon plan Revision

This is my first time to write you, but I feel very strongly about this topic. My views are:

(1) absolutely, NO LOGGING of OLD GROWTH TREE STANDS or INDIVIDUAL OLD GROWTH TREES. It takes an eternity for these to grow. They sustain & shelter a complex web of natural life & must be protected at all costs. NO OLD GROWTH SHALL BE LOGGED. So cut them: IT'S A CRIME!

(2) NO PUTRID/UGLY & DESICRATING "CLEAR CUTTING" of BROAD stands of timber. Doing this method, opens soil to erosion, silting or wrecking stream & river life. Bad to remove any wide swaths of timber & vegetation.

(3) CLOSE MONITORING TO BE HAD of ANY LOGGING ACTIVITY WHICH COMES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO, OR ABUTTING NEXT TO A PROTECTED WILDERNESS AREA, OR BOTANY-TYPE PRESERVE. No more stupid logging tricks: "oops! I didn't know we were cutting inside a preserved area." Loggers have brought about "great distrust" by the general public, for this under-handed tactic. Once mature trees are cut, there is no "dollar fine amount" which can

(3) cont. equal the value of a huge, mature tree to future generations & posterity.

What ever happened to BLM's punishment of the logging company who pulled off this underhanded tactic in the KALMIOPSIS WILDERNESS near a botanical area several years ago? What was the "fine", and the "outcome"?!

(4) I would (would agree) to only "limited" "SELECTIVE LOGGING", of non-OLD-GROWTH TREES, with the housing & construction downturn, overly-excessive logging is uncalled for. Why allow trees to be logged when the market for the lumber is down? Cutting trees just to keep BLM "busy" doesn't "cut it" with me & my family.

In closing, I recall when I first "saw" the ugliness of non-selective clear cutting. I drove my daughter & I up to near Orick, Calif. to camp at & hike in the Nat'l. Redwoods Park. We looked up at a de-nuded hill to the NO. EAST (which had been clear cut) and even as small as she was, said:

In the 1960's

Nuff said

"MOMMIE, WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE TREES ON THAT MOUNTAIN?"

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