To The Public Decision Makers

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This land is your land, this land is my land, is what I think of when I walk through BLM land. I'm proud of the BLM land in SW OR. I can't say that about private land. That's the difference between Private and Public land but that's America. Private land is the essence of America. But America is experiencing problems with the ramifications of capitalism and lack of conservation. So we have Public land. an as I walk or drive through the forests of SW OR. I can alway see the difference

I've worked as Rare Plant surveyor, as well as Moss, Lichen and fungus for 11 years. I personally know BLM land, as well as Forest Service lands are full of Special Status Plant Sites. On much Private land, these habitats are lost due to logging practices and Riparian intrusions. I can site many Examples. But I'll only go into one known as the Deer Crk fire in Selma OR 2005. The 80 acres of BLM Land survived the high intensity fire and it was Mid to Late Seral. Not classic pristine Old growth but the fire passed through the understory leaving most of the canopy intact

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the adjacent Privatley owned timber lands were moonscaped. But those commercial timber lands are an excellent source to meet our domestic timber needs replant and re harvest. But Please, leave the Public old growth alone. it will always change but it will never go away. The short sited, immediate profits from such mature timber will be gone, gone, with a small short term benefit to the public but not one compared to what these Mature, Public Old growth can provide in defidently to the Public. Thats you, me and children of the future. We, as humans have done much damage to this Earth. We need to keep these final ~~tem~~ templates of Pristine forest. to answer questions we have not even thought to ask yet.

Sincerely, (US citizen)

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