

W.O.P.R. Plan

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In 1982 I turned in comments for the B.L.M. 10 year plan. I have copied the 1982 comments to use for the B.L.M. W.O.P.R. plan. The 1982 10 year plan comments are still important 30+ years later. If these suggestions would have been implemented 30+ years ago ~~of~~ our forests and our economy would be in much better shape today. The B.L.M. was derilict in their decisions and have given away the public lands and tiber again, by again I mean how greedy individuals in government sold through fraud to the big timber barons and the big cattle barons millioms of acres of Oand C lands, homestead lands, not to mention almost all of the School Lands~~s~~ sold through fraud. The people must have these lands back andthe recovered lands need to be managed in a sustainable manner. B.L.M. should have followed my suggestions. Well, 30+ years later and these suggestions should be the rules to in the W.O.P.R. plsn today, 2008. All old growth forests are more valuable to the local economy as standing timber rather than two by fours or sent to Japan or China. The timber revenues from logging in the W.O.P.R. plan will only last for a short time, the same as the B.L.M. so called sustainable timber harvesting plan. What happened to the sustainable timber harvest??? Old growth should not be harvested. We need scientific evadence why the environmental protections of the ~~N/W~~ N.W. Forest Plan were discarded. With the W.O.P.R. planthe people need to know the scientific effects on forest fires, foux thinning, global warming, and the survival of the old growth ecosystems, among others, the effects on the fishing industry, how about firewood for the seniors on fixed incomes and can't afford to pay 250 dollars for a cord of wood. The people don't mind paying taxes torun government agencies, but we feel these agencies are not working for the good of the people of the United States, but working hard for the greedy corporations that don't care for anything but taking all resourses from another ~~country~~ country, the United States. The latest in a long line of third world countries being ripped off by themulti- national corporations. We should start a new revolution, one that is for the people of the United States, not the greedy corporations.

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BLM 10 year plan 1982?

No slash burning until all possible poles, firewood and other inovative secondary forest products are removed.

Results - more local rural employment
more local marketable products
more revenue for government agencies, county, state, and federal.

Firewood.

Firewood should be easier to obtain for the general public. At the present time it is almost impossible to obtain firewood. The timber companies can get it but the public can't.

No clearcutting period.

Leaving 6 to 22 trees per acre is the same as clearcutting. BLM is only decieving the public with statements and plans such as these.

Thinning of the forests only.

By this I mean true thinning operations only.

Not the BLM farce of thinning, cutting all trees out of a given area leaving only the largest trees, making it easier and more profitable for the big timber companies to come back at a later date and clearcut.

The BLM process of thinning is the same as clearcutting. This process should be looked at and changed.

Thinning of the public forests only in the proper way by leaving uneven aged trees at the proper spacing and non-mono culture.

Results - Increased long-term local employment.
Increased secondary forest products.
True sustained yield.
Increased revenue.

Increased watershed protection.

Today's practices relating to watershed protection needs to be changed. Lets regain the use and vitality of our streams and rivers.

Less road building.

No clearcutting.

Wider buffer strips along all streams and rivers.

Equal cutting on all parcels.

Before contracts could be made on public lands, cut

levels on public lands will be proportional to cut levels on surrounding private lands or less, depending on the amount of over-cutting on private lands. Again, no clear-cutting on public lands.

Sustained yield.

Its about time BLM changes its policy on sustained yield.

BLM should turn to TRUE sustained yield practices on the public lands.

BLM should not deceive the public about their mis-guided, so-called sustained yield practices.

Revenue from public lands.

BLM should stop its welfare programs to the big timber companies.

BLM should stop its policy of give-away timber contracts to a selected few, contracts that lose money for the taxpayers, contracts designed only to profit the big timber companies.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS should be the ONLY ones eligible for timber sales contracts or other resource contracts.

NON-PROFIT or WORKER OWNED companies contracting for resources on public lands.
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The public should be the ONLY ones to profit from the resources of the United States.

Road Building.

No road building by government agencies to profit private timber companies.

No road building by government agencies for private access or on private lands.

No public money should be spent on roads to benefit the private timber companies, for their access or on private lands.

Owl Habitat.

It's not the owl or the saving of the old growth that threatens timber workers jobs in the northwest.

It's the GREED of the people running the big timber companies and the GREED of the few government employees helping the big timber companies.

Statements such as these are not directed towards those who TRULY work for the people of the United States, but directed only at the guilty.

We must save more habitat for the owls and other animals.