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Bureau of Land Management  
Western Oregon Plan Revisions Office  
333 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Portland, OR 97208

Re: BLM WOPR

Dear BLM,

I am a lay person, not a land manager or a logger. I've read a lot about the WOPR and think that this plan is a disaster for Oregon. There is nothing to support in this plan. It ignores what conservationists and loggers have been able to find as common ground: the common sense in logging second-growth, therefore cutting fire risks. Logging old-growth forests, particularly clear-cutting, is a short-sited, short-term fix that seems to apply logic from the Middle Ages! Increasing old-growth logging, destroying ancient, irreplaceable habitats, weakening protections for streams and fish, increasing fire risk, and once again, DESTROYING IRREPLACEABLE WILDERNESS with roads and worse...this plan doesn't appear to have enough merit to even be considered. And yet it is being considered.

You are in the honored position of making a real impact on the protection or demise of Oregon's beautiful, unique wild places. Please consider the impassioned pleas of regular citizens, land managers, conservationists, loggers, business people...protect old-growth forests. Focus on management of BLM lands in areas already logged. Make jobs available in restoration forestry that benefit all involved...yes, all! Jobs, timber, reduced fire risk, reduced destruction of irreplaceable habitat, protection of streams...

I think the choice is crystal clear on whether the WOPR is a viable plan or a disaster in the making. It's a disaster...please don't allow it to happen.

Respectfully, 

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