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Dear Public servants

I am absolutely filled horror with your conception of this "WOPR", Western Oregon Plan Revision. You, who are "public servants" to the American Public and have the responsibility of stewardship of our lands; I am completely opposed to this WOPR Preferred Alternative, and will do everything in my power to see that it is not adopted.

It breaks numerous laws in place the protect our environment and the last remaining tracts of LSR and other older stands. Many of these laws specifically delineated by the North West Forest Plan. Your preferred alternative will not hold water in the courts. Why are you wasting tax payer dollars with such a foolish proposition? This at a time when 85% to 95% of our last patches of old growth timber have already been removed. This at a time when it has been proven that these ancient forests act as a carbon sequestration system at our period in history when it has been practically proven that we all need to work on stopping Global Warming. This at a time when the majority of the American citizenry want these last stands permanently protected.

For those of us who live near these areas if not actually abutting up to these BLM lands, it will force us, through no fault of our own to suffer the catastrophic effects of future wild fires and also the general lowering of all

of our property values! At a time when the economy in this part of the country is suffering greatly this will also lower the county property tax bases and have a ripple effect on all the local economies. In your document, You state that property values could plummet by up to 10%. This is a shameful way to act towards the peoples of this region and the country.

Shameful too is the language you have devised to hide the word "Clear Cut" with seemingly innocuous terms such as, "Regeneration Harvest". Why don't you just come clean and tell the people what this really means. The planting and conversions of the last remaining natural ecosystems with mono culture plantations. Have you become so slavish to the Big Timber corporations that "The People" that you are supposed to serve, "The American People", have become mere chattel in your views? This is again a most shameful development in the USA. How can you sleep at night?

I will not even go over point by point your supposed professionally written document, though I have read vast tracts of it. It is so poorly conceived and blatantly destructive, compared to all previous "plans" that you have presented in the past that it is not worth the specific comments. The "No Action" alternative which you seem to not want to even consider is "The Most Preferred Alternative" that I can even consider at this moment in time. These are the views of the majority of Americans also, I believe. It is rumored, but more then likely true, that this whole thing was back room engineered by none other then Bush and his boys. The entire lawsuit threat by the big timber interests and the settling out of court decisions that have led to this WOPR are so transparent as to defy rational explanations. The area that I reside in, and I am sure, many other areas across Oregon, depend on the bounty of Tourism. We happen to live in an area where travelers either are coming to Oregon from California or are commuting to

California from Oregon. Many of these people come here specifically or stop on their way through and spend money on services and the arts. The forests and the large intact ecosystems are the big attraction here. If we should ever lose these qualities through mismanagement of these resources then we would face disastrous economic times. The days of Big Timber and mining extraction industries are of a bygone era. As I have mentioned there is only 5 to 15% left. I am opposed to this WOPR for this reason too. It does not take into account the economic hit that would be perpetuated upon us except in passing. I myself live here for not only the recreation values but for the living that I can work at, that requires these ecosystems to remain intact.

This area of mine also has been identified as one of the most botanically rich and diverse areas in the world. It is truly a candidate for a world heritage designation. This "WOPR" flies in the face of all scientific studies that has and is being done in actively researching our lands. In fact universities and research institutions have taken up residence here with their money contributing to the local economies with all the students and professors coming here for extended stays. To even consider the implementation of your preferred alternative should be a crime. I am not against logging per se, but a truly sustainable logging practice on previously logged lands should be implemented. Not create new ones from the last vestiges of late succession reserves! There should be plenty of timber available if these lands had been managed correctly in the first place.

It appears you have also tried to create divisions among the Oregon residents by trying to insert language and rumor. You have created an atmosphere of hostility and distrust which I hope and I think is melting away. It appears that opposition to the cutting of our large canopied trees and other ecosystems is valued by most folks who want to recreate in our

woods. It may come down to why the seeming intentional lying by the governmental agencies that are supposed to be managing these areas for the good of all. Timber for harvest is not the sole use that the majority wants!

The wildlife is another truly remarkable feature of these areas. This includes some of the last remaining runs of wild salmon. This, due to the tremendous water quality and the health of our riparian areas. All will all be destroyed by this WOPR proposal. There is Bear and Puma, and Elk. Many of these species need the ancient forests and large territories for their existence. The WOPR proposal would wipe these wildlife from these lands. This would ruin the quality of life for all. Hunters, wildlife observers, birders, fishermen and again ruin another facet of the tourist trade and the quality of life for the locals. Even the ORV enthusiasts would lose the rides that take them into high forest canopy.

This is truly one of the most remarkable areas in these United States. To manage this area for the sole purpose of timber extraction is a crime against humanity. This, in an era of great destruction and the loss of vast natural ecosystems. Your WOPR proposal is indeed the most destructive management plan I have ever seen in my life. It defies logic! I can only assume that "orders" were given from above, in Washington, to reward "special interests" at the expense of anything or anyone but their chosen business friends. The only word that I can say that would explain these individuals are "Corporate Bandits"!

It is time we take back our country on many different levels, but we must preserve the legacy we have as citizens. Our last remaining wilderness areas and some of the worlds last Late Succession Reserves should be one of the number one priorities. I am firmly opposed to your "Preferred Alternative", of this, "THE WOPR". I hope you seriously consider my points and the

points of many other concerned citizens before you make a tragic mistake. I hope that I, and the rest of the American People will not have to see you in court!

Sincerely, Lane Cosner

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