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To Whom It May Concern:

Enough BLM lands are currently open to timber harvest, it's irresponsible and not pragmatic to open up the few remaining old-growth forests to logging. To convert these invaluable ancient forests to a patchwork of flammable plantations will be remembered as a foolish waste for generations to come.

Logging ancient forests is in direct conflict with the BLM's stated goals of "...enhance[ing] and maintain[ing] the ecological health of the environment." It is not possible to enhance or maintain the health of the environment by logging large trees. By allowing timber harvest along streams, water quality is severely compromised.

Logging in the Zane Grey Roadless Area is a shameful political move. Eliminating its possible designation as Wilderness will ensure it remains open for harvest. This is a place deserving of protection. Timber harvesting here will degrade the water quality and fish habitat of the Rogue River.

Is it really worth exchanging irreplaceable, roadless forests, clean water, and habitat for endangered wildlife, for a few decades of revenue? These are public lands and resources we all depend on in Western Oregon; they should be treasured and passed on to future generations, not squandered by bad policy.

Sincerely,



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