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Tim Reuwsaat  
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January 8, 2008

Dear Mr. Reuwsaat:

I have enclosed a copy of the letter I sent to the BLM in Portland concerning the WOPR.  
I hope you will read it and consider my thoughts on this matter.

Thank you,

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Dear BLM people:

I live right next to BLM land east of Selma, Oregon, so I am very concerned about the new proposals for our public lands. I have never written any kind of letter like this, and I am 60 years old! But the WOPR alarms me. I live at the upper end of Deer Creek Road just before it goes into vast expanses of BLM land. I am strongly against opening up this land to logging and/or off road vehicles. Our forests are just now growing back from previous logging and are becoming quite beautiful. I have a view off my front porch of a mountain which is BLM land (White Creek Road area). I go driving, hiking, and taking pictures up there often. I can't imagine that being logged or changed in any way.

Not only that, but I am concerned about the entire Deer Creek watershed and beyond. I believe we should leave the forests for nature to repair, and just do thinning of small trees and underbrush for fire protection. Please do not cut any "old growth" anywhere in Oregon (or elsewhere for that matter).

As for off-road vehicles, I absolutely do not want them in MY backyard. I don't want to see or hear them anywhere near Selma or Grants Pass, or anywhere in between. Once an area is designated an ORV area, that's all it's good for. Forget about "multiple use"! Multiple use means hiking, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, photography and lots more. ORVs can find another place to destroy!

I realize that I don't know much about this whole matter, but I AM going to start learning! Thank you for considering my opinions.

Sincerely,



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