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To BLM:

Public Comment on Western Oregon Plan Revisions Office

The recent Revison of BLM Western states 'harvesting' trees is short sighted and flawed in respect to the right action for the good of the nation, it's people and the land we are responsible for. I oppose WOPR.

I live in the Rogue Valley. I hike in the Siskiyou and Cascade Mts. I raft in the Rogue and Klamath Rivers. I cross country ski and snow shoe in the winter. I have seen the devestation of clear cutting. I have seen erosion and muddied streams because of it. I have seen the inability of replanting to keep up with the cutting... and now you purpose speeding up cutting... (for what... the federal governments deficiet spending?) I have seen failed replanting because mono-cultures are more vulnerable to disease spreading.

I oppose WOPR

#1 To cut the last remaining ancient forests is to close the door to the nature-secrets future science might need.

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#2 To cut old growth closes the door for Americans to have the experience of being with untouched nature. It is a spiritual experience we deserve and our children need it.

#3 There have been civilizations that have folded because they over cut their trees... Incas, Aboriginese,

#4. Other species need healthy forests and we are causing their extinction

#5 Salmon and other fish need cool, clear water to reproduce. Fishermen that I know say that they remember abundant fish. Our actions in the past of cutting too much, too steep areas have killed, limited reproduction of fish.

#6 Healthy, protected forests is one of Oregons most important economical assets. We must have a sustainable policy.

#7 The Northwest Forest Plan took so much effort and future looking care ... do not dismantle its intent by removing BLM lands from it.

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#8 The WOPR is illegal. ~~BLM~~ BLM is obligated under the Northwest Forest Plan to protect endangered species and Clean water. (Someday our clean water might be worth a lot of money in itself)
BLM cannot violate laws to protect this environment
Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act

#9 We increase global warming by clear cutting trees that purify the air, water and cool the earth
Clear cuts look like a desert.

#10 A better way
A better Way is to <u>selectively</u> cut overstock tree plantations. If we want the BLM to be a farming endeavor, we'd better do it right and not distroy Nature in the process.

Sincerely, Beth Heller
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