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DEAR BLM,

WE ARE LIVING NOW IN AN UNHAPPY PERIOD OF SNOWBALLING GLOBAL WARMING AND SPECIES EXTINCTIONS. BOTH THE RESULT OF INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH HUMAN DESTRUCTION AND CONSUMPTION. DESTRUCTION AND CONSUMPTION ACTING AS A CANCER ON OUR EARTH. THE PROPOSED WESTERN OREGON PLAN REVISION, WITH ITS DECREASED RIPARIAN BUFFERS AND INCREASED OLD GROWTH LOGGING, BEING ONLY TWO EXAMPLES, WOULD ACCELERATE OUR LOCAL RATE OF DISTRUCTION OF THE WORLDS NATURAL RESOURCES. THE REVISION WOULD ADD TO OUR LONG TERM PROBLEMS. OUR EARTH CAN SUPPLY ONLY SO MUCH AND THEN IT BECOMES MORE AND MORE DEPLETED.

WE NEED TO RETHINK OUR ECONOMY. HOW DO WE LIVE SUSTAINABLY AND IN HARMONY WITH THE BEAUTIFUL WONDERS OF OUR PLANET EARTH?

FIRST WE NEED LAWS ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUMS OF WHAT MUST BE PRESERVED. THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND THE NORTHWEST FOREST PLAN FOR EXAMPLE. THEN WE NEED A BETTER FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY. AND THEN WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT LESSENING AND EQUALIZING OUR CONSUMPTION. SHRING, SO WE ALL HAVE ENOUGH OF A SMALLER, SUSTAINABLE PORTION OF RESOURCES, ALLOWING US ALL TO LIVE IN MODEST COMFORT. WE DO HAVE MODELS. PEOPLE LIVING IN LESS DEVELOPED PARTS OF THE WORLD. ALSO MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS ARE MAKING VALIANT EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH LIFE STYLES THAT MINIMIZE THEIR ECOLOGICAL FOOT PRINT WHILE THEY LIVE MEANINGFUL ENJOYABLE LIVES.

SINCERLY,
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