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Dear OR/WA BLM State Director Shepard:

Please except the following comments on the BLM's current DEIS for Revision of the Management Plans for Western Oregon.

It is the opinion of the Oregon State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation that Alternative 2 would be in the best interest of our goals throughout the state. This alternative would not only benefit the wild turkeys by thinning dense stands of timber, and creating foraging habitat with clear cuts, but reducing the potential of catastrophic forest fire. The benefit of our communities would be the increase funds for infrastructure, jobs in our mills and forest, teachers in our schools, and healthier forest for wildlife and people to enjoy. With global warming potentially become the world greatest threat it is imperative forest our managed to reduce Wildfire impact not only on a local scale but a global scale as well.

It is also our opinion that the forest in its entirety should be managed. We believe that Alternative 3 should be applied to all matrix lands allowing BLM foresters to manage for later succession forests. By utilizing logging as a tool managers can reduce the already high potential of forest fire in the Western USA and create habitat for the multitude of different species.

To summarize, NWTF strongly suggest that Alternative 2 be applied to forest lands suitable for timber production as well as Alternative 3 being applied to all matrix lands. Please give our comments careful consideration before making your final decision and thank you for your time.

Sincerely  
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