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Bureau of Land Management  
Reference: Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR)



To Whom It Concerns:

This letter is our opinion on the Bureau's revised logging proposals as provided in the WOPR. We offer no challenge to the authority of the Bureau's core mandate. We however find fault in the underlying scheme for this "revised" plan.

The WOPR with its proposed options is completely unsound with the exception of Option 1. Our consensus is that Option 1, which retains current policies and guidelines remain the chosen plan.

The issuance of this WOPR is the direct result of political pressure from timber dependent counties on federal authorities. These timber dependent counties are those counties that have never strived for alternate revenue means. There has never been any incentive to change the mindset of these countries or their administrators most evidently demonstrated in the years since the late 1970's when the first collapse in tax revenues occurred. It is a mindset that federal revenues are perpetual.

We example Jackson County, Oregon. Jackson County in the last several years has doubled its employment base and provided pay raises to these employees. WOPR reinforces county fiscal irresponsibility.

All this flimflam was created to protect incompetent bureaucrats and their domains.

Stop this nonsense, and maintain the Bureau's practices currently in effect. The WOPR will only create additional litigation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LeRoy Hippe".

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