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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a 14-year resident of the beautiful Applegate Valley in Southwest Oregon. What I know to be true, meaning in the most stringent scientifically proven way, is this: At 200 years-old a forest is just beginning to reach old-growth characteristics. Endangered species (spotted owls / marbled murrelets / coho salmon to name a few) require old-growth forests to provide habitat that sustains them. Deforestation contributes significantly to global warming. "Regeneration" of clear-cuts is very difficult in the many thousands of acres with modest annual precipitation in Oregon. Therefore the WOPR is a lie. No matter how you manipulate the math, so to speak, ecologically, the alternatives proposed will be extremely harmful to all species, including, but not nearly limited to, humans. This sweetheart deal that only benefits the top-cats in the timber industry and their poutical cronies is apalling! The BLM needs to face-up to the legal realities of the Endangered Species Act that has miraculously saved a small amount of our nation's great forest preserves. I am all for responsible logging to thin overly dense stands. Clean-up your

past messes that pose a serious fire threat first. I am also apalled, not only at the logging proposals, but at the OHV Areas proposed for the Medford District, especially. Your organization can attempt to mislead the public, and ignore science in the name of poltical favor, but many of us know the truth of the matter. You are excellent liars and manipulators. I can't believe my eyes!

Reasonable people understand that a proposed 9 to 1 ratio of clearcutting over thinning will be catastrophic for all species. Concentrate your work in the current plantations. You do work for the public, do not squander our heritage!

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