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Bureau of Land Management, Western Oregon Plan  
333 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97208  
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Dear BLM:

I am writing you out of my concern for the Bush administration's Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR). As a long time resident of Oregon, I have seen the results of excessive logging and I am opposed to any plans, which undo the minimal amounts of protection we now have. At this time of concern for climate change and other environmental dangers, our forest practices should reflect thoughtful care of the intact forests we do have. Your current plan is unacceptable. There are less than five percent of old growth forests left and any mention of cutting should not be considered under any circumstances. Furthermore, the damages caused by clearcutting have been shown to be devastating and irreversible. Mature and old growth forest is a national treasure and should be treated as such.

The Northwest Forest Plan is a landmark agreement that private, state and federal landowners rely on to protect threatened old growth species while producing timber in compliance with environmental laws. Removing BLM forests would unravel the whole fabric of the plan and produce uncertainty for other landowners. In addition the plan would lead to increased water pollution, degraded habitat, and increased controversy.

As a landowner and a resident of Oregon, I urge you to do whatever is in your power to stop the WOPR. Thank you.

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Sincerely, 

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