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Dear Bureau of Land Management.

I'm writing to address the proposed BLM Western Plan Revision (WOPR)

It wants to bring back clearcutting on a huge scale and cutting old-growth forests. Cut very close to rivers and streams. Most Americans want clean water, air, wildlife, fish and places of recreation. Clearcutting will take away all of the above. It causes erosion, silt and mud in rivers and streams. Tree Farms under mined strong and healthy forests. A diverse eco-system makes for a strong and renewable forest and fauna.

I have lived in southern Oregon for 35 years and moved here like countless others for the beautiful forests, clean air and water and quiet. I have been first hand what clear cutting accomplishes. 20 acres that bordered my property was clearcut, replanted 3 times. The planted trees are either stunted or 4 or 5 times smaller than the native ones that come up naturally. And all the native species are represented instead of just a hybrid fir. We want and need a strong forest for our children and grandchildren to inherit. If you keep cutting the biggest and the best, you know what happens. Thinning is a good alternative.

Also, the proposed off-road vehicle use is in the backyards of so many that I know, including my family. The noise and soil erosion and intrusion will ruin our quality of life and would be an unexceptable burden to all that live here.

Sincerely, Deborah Jon Newell

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