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U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Western Oregon Plan Revision
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Dear Sirs:

January 11, 2008

I am deeply concerned about the BLM Western Oregon Plan Revision proposal. I have lived in the beautiful state of Oregon for thirty years. Whenever I have had the fortune of hiking in woods where old-growth reside, I feel a peace, a calm, a groundedness that speaks to my soul. There is relatively very little old-growth left in Oregon and there are many reasons not to clearcut for the sake of all of life forms living in the forest.

Old-growth is of value to preserve for many reasons besides it's indescribable presence, which enriches many people's lives. Old-growth helps protect streams. Old-growth forests provide environments that help sustain a diverse population of plant and animal life. They drastically reduce the rate of global warming by holding in carbon and being fire-resilient compared to dense young forests.

Please revise the plan and look at selective cutting so that old-growth can continue to help sustain and heal our fragile planet.

Sincerely,



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