Dear OR/WA BLM State Director Shepard:

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Please accept the following comment on the BLM's current DEIS for the Revision of the Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon:

- While the Preferred Alternative 2 best represents the management alternative that I would support due to the fact that it provides the highest harvest level and funding to the Counties of th [illegible] of the alternatives in my opinion meet the requirements set forth by the O&C Act because t [illegible] C lands for the dominant use of timber production as stated in the Act.
- The BLM must develop and analyze at least one alternative that n [illegible] er production and receipts to local county governments, and meet its no-jeopardy ot [illegible] ies act.
- The BLM should consider active forest management for the prote [illegible] at before adopting non-management reserve strategies. Disallowing timber harvesti [illegible] t land suitable for timber production is an ill-advised and scientifically unsound metl [illegible] d is contrary to the O&C Act. In the Southern Oregon area, timber reserves that do [illegible] ce of long term survival due to the high fire hazard that often exists in these fore [illegible] d to preserve characteristics that the owl and other listed species prefer should have a network of [illegible] ls and other forest management structures and techniques that will help to prevent the forest from being destroyed by wild fire.
- Congress and the President must ensure that when the plan is finalized that there is adequate funding to fully implement it. When implemented, the plan must adhere to the following principles to live up to the full commitment made to local counties:
    - Timber sale revenues must generate at least an amount equal to the funding that was provided to local counties through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act on a yearly basis.
    - Access should be maintained through BLM administered lands for private land access, fire suppression, as well as recreational uses, such as hunting, fishing, boating and sightseeing.

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In summary, the economic viability of our rural communities and the overall health of our federal forests are of vital importance to me. I ask that you give these comments full consideration as you prepare the FEIS and select the final management plans.

Sincerely,
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