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Bureau of Land Management  
Western Oregon Plan Revisions  
PO Box 2965  
Portland, OR 97208

Dear Bureau of Land Management,

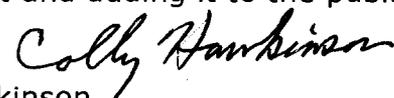
I tried to submit comments via your website on December 31st, but found that was only set up for Oregon residents. I trust that you will consider these comments of mine regarding the Western Oregon Plan Revisions or 'WOPR' process and that you enter them to the public record even though I do not currently live in Oregon.

I lived in Corvallis from 1979 until 2001. I grew up hunting blacktail deer and fishing for trout, salmon or steelhead in a number of drainages that are currently being considered for resource extraction under the Western Oregon Plan Revisions or 'WOPR' process. Since moving to Idaho in 2001 I no longer hunt BLM lands in western Oregon. However, I do still visit those special spots a few times each year to fish as a nonresident for steelhead and salmon and to hike in old growth forests such as the one you administer in Crabtree Valley.

I deeply enjoy being able to return to fish and hike those western Oregon BLM areas that are part of my outdoor heritage. I am also glad I can contribute sustainable dollars to local Oregon economies by visiting those BLM lands. I spend considerable money in communities nearest your lands to purchase the gas, food, license and tags, bait and tackle, etc. needed for my trips. I hope you will understand my interest in seeing that the fishing, hiking and solitude opportunities I currently enjoy on your lands are available in the very same quality for my children and for their kids.

I appreciate your hard work on this plan but I do not see that you provided an adequate diversity of choices in the draft plan. I would like to have seen more alternatives that retain current protections for fish, wildlife, forests and streams. I urge you to ensure that security habitat areas for elk and deer as well as opportunities for solitude while fishing and hiking are enhanced on your western Oregon lands, not diminished. Finally, I urge you to ensure that off-highway vehicles are kept on existing, recognized routes only, and are not allowed to travel cross-country or otherwise damage the fishery resources and opportunities for solitude that keep me coming back to BLM land in western Oregon each year.

I thank you for this opportunity to give my comment and for your time spent reviewing it and adding it to the public record as part of the WOPR process.

Sincerely,   
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