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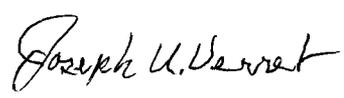
Dear Mr. Hoffmeister;

As a citizen of this country for all of my eighty five years I have a vested interest in all of our Government agencies and expect these agencies to be managed with the best tools of science and sound professional judgement. I believe the protection of our natural resources, and wise use and sustained yield, so far as possible, should be the most important responsibility of the Bureau of Land Management. In the proposed WORP, reducing the buffer zone on spawning and migration streams is inherently detrimental to the fishery resource. Why was the buffer instituted if not to benefit the fauna and flora and protect the area environmentally? Logging can and should be done with the least impact on the very soil which produced the timber and that implies clear-cutting and road building should not be used to access the resource.

A forest is many things: it provides the oxygen we breath, absorbs carbon dioxide, serves as watersheds for our domestic, agricultural, and industrial needs, provides playgrounds for various forms of recreation, and habitat for the creatures who live there.

Our forests are too beautiful, and are providers of so much of the quality of life we enjoy, to be used as pawns in a financial endeavor to produce income for the counties. I would like to know the forests will be managed in a manner that leaves them in a healthy and sustaining condition as our legacy to future generations.

Sincerely,



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