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To whom it may concern,

In response to the BLM "WOPR" I've found myself compelled to make a plea . As a native Oregonian of 58, I've worked in the timber industry for most of my life. I know that clearcutting is often the easiest and sometimes the safest way to harvest timber. As in modern agriculture where the fields are picked clean , clearcutting can be a useful tool provided that ample buffer strips are left near waterways. However , when it comes to our forestlands, the rules change and they should never be picked clean, but rather be browsed as the rest of nature does, leaving ample or more to regenerate itself.

Of most importance are the relatively few remaining oldgrowth forests that passively contribute innumerable ecological benefits, like wildlife, water quality, air quality, global warming, recreationists, seedbanks, sense of wonder, ground water retention, diversity, etc., etc. They must be preserved for perpetuity and for NO reason should they ever be "salvaged" even after a substantial natural disaster like a forest fire for several reasons to include temptations of arson. No roads, no motorized vehicles, etc. On a positive note , perhaps in a few select locations, for the handicapped or even ecotourism , a cable trolley system could be run thru various layers of the canopy that more folks can experience and appreciate their awe and wonder (thought I'd plant that seed).

Thanks for your consideration. Sincerely, Ron Robinson, Oakland, Oregon

