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Dear BLM,

I am writing to urge you to strongly oppose the Western Oregon Plan Revision that will increase old-growth clear-cutting on federal lands in Oregon.

This expanded clear-cutting on public lands is a serious threat to the future economic growth of the state. Evidence shows that protection of the environment helps to create jobs while employment in the timber industry has steadily declined despite the expansion of the timber industry in recent decades.

Logging mature and old-growth forests on public lands threatens to destroy recreational areas that make Oregon attractive for business investment. Federal forests can provide jobs through restoration of streams, roads and young plantations.

Increased clear-cutting also will degrade and damage the state's waterways in a time when clean water is fast becoming a scarce resource.

For these reasons I hope you will oppose the Western Oregon Plan Revision and institute a more comprehensive forest maintenance plan that address the issues outlined above.

Sincerely,

Paul Semonin