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I am writing regarding your Western Oregon Plan Revision. I am curious what has inspired you to consider degrading our public forests with these changes? I am flabbergasted! At a time when being healthy and enjoying nature, global warming, clean water sheds and air are in the forefront of people's minds it's ironic that you would think that the suggestions in this revision plan would be in alignment with public opinion. Isn't it your responsibility to manage public lands with long range diverse goals rather than making quick \$ and lots of destruction?

There are many aspects of the Plan Revisions that would degrade the forest in my opinion. I am sure you have had many letters addressing these so I will be brief.

- 1) Why don't you use the funding you have to care for the planted forests by thinning (we all agree that there are many benefits to thinning!) ? Let's increase, not decrease the protections for what's left of the old growth, our watersheds and the biodiversity in old growth areas.
- 2) Off road vehicles are smelly, noisy and cause erosion. And their drivers are often questionable when it comes to respect for others, fire safety and littering. They reduce the pleasantness of life for the nearby residents, hikers, campers, horsemen, animals, skiers and picnics. Using them as an excuse to fund your logging roads stinks!
- 3) Reducing riparian zones is just absurd! Who would argue?
- 4) Botanical biodiversity is worth more than we can possibly imagine. It is unwise to reduce it.
- 5) Canceling the adaptive management experiments seems premature.
- 6) Oregon's tourism is partially dependent on the desire people have to see old growth alive and well and to enjoy the beauty of our forests. Clear cuts are not pretty. There is a lot of money in tourism.
- 7) It is important to protect small old growth reserves that are isolated as they are a gene pool reservoir for multiple organisms to spread from in the future to keep surrounding soil and forests naturally healthy.
- 8) Old growth can not be replaced.
- 9) Diversity is strength! Lets keep our forest use as diverse as possible.

I am sending copies of this letter to my representatives and senators also. I would appreciate anything you can do to extend the comment period deadline and to work for the good of the environment AND the public of today and of the future. Thank you,

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