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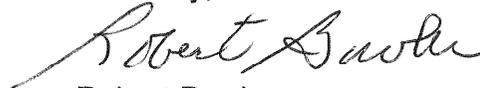
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RE: BLM Western Oregon Plan Revisions

I strongly urge BLM to select the "No Change" alternative and keep the Northwest Forest Plan as it is. BLM's preferred alternative will be a huge step backward for anadromous fish and resident fish habitat. Reducing stream buffers from 360 ft. to 60 ft. on fish bearing streams and eliminating buffers on feeder streams makes no sense as "global warming" speeds up spring run-off and increases summer water temperatures. Old growth forests should not be cut and instead thin existing plantations and utilize the logs to feed timber mills that need the second growth and thus provide needed income from O & C lands to fund the "safety net."

Since 1994, BLM has helped protect streams with larger buffers that has improved habitat and helped steelhead, salmon, and trout. Keep protecting all riparian zones and stop cutting old growth.

Sincerely,



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