RE: BLM’s Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am greatly distressed over the BLM’s Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR). My concerns are as follow:

1. One of Oregon’s largest sources of income is tourism. Tourists from around the world come to Oregon to experience our legendary forests. Logging 2.6 million acres over the next 10 years will seriously impact tourist appeal.

2. The taxpayer loses if WOPR is enacted. The taxpayer pays for road construction in these areas. The taxpayer pays for clean up and replanting. The taxpayer pays for preliminary studies and other related paperwork. The cost to the taxpayer may be more than the public revenues generated. So who really reaps the financial benefits? Could it be the logging company CEO’s?

3. Old growth forests reduce global warming. They are a carbon sink. They also burn less easily than replants and tree plantations.

4. Logging pollutes. Many gallons of oil, gas, and diesel fuel end up on the land, in streams (including salmon streams), and vaporized in our atmosphere. Running chainsaws, operating logging equipment, and building roads create oily spills, fumes and aerosols.

5. Legally, these forests were set aside many years ago in the Northwest Forest Plan, to be off limits to logging.

6. There are alternative plans suggested. One includes thinning second growth that needs thinning. Perhaps this would benefit the taxpayer more.

I hope this reaches you before the BLM’s WOPR comment period closes on Nov. 9th. Comments may be entered on line at www.blm.gov/or/plans/wopr/DEIS.php or mailed to Western Oregon Plan Revisions Office, 333 SW 1st Ave, Portland OR 97204.

Thank you for reading this.

Sincerely,

Sharon Sauter