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Will you really read this?? :)

Dear BLM,

The Bureau of Land Management should not be privitized by Logging Companies. The increase in fires is due to a few reasons.

1) Re-forestation = planting same species of tree every 10 feet - "Especially pines" ignite a lot faster.

2) Global Warming has ↑ the summer heat, so when a lightning strike occurs everything is so dry - the fire is hard to contain.

3) Trees use carbon dioxide and give us back ~~pressios~~ pressious oxygen - So when we take the trees away, there are less trees available to soak up the excess. Thus ↑ Global Warming.

4) I live near the fire of 1987 - the trees planted after the fire are only 5-6 feet tall. That was 20 years ago. Thus a 20 year old tree is 5-6 feet tall. We use more trees than we can actually replenish.

5) Big trees must be 100's of years old. The chain saw is about 100 years old. There are not many stands of big trees left from the view of an airplane flying over Oregon, Washington and California. Common sense is not common.

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6) Fire management plans are outrageous. Taking away all the undergrowth does not work unless their is a sprinkler system, on every inch of forest, to keep it watered. The underbrush, is food for the bigger trees by the biological act of decomposition. Also, the twigs + leaves, shade the soil, thus holding in minute amounts of moisture, from the morning dew, to keep the trees alive.

7) Basically - There is only 1/10, if that, left of older trees. The planet needs them alive.

We must find alternative building + paper materials, that grow faster than 500 year old trees. We use more, due to overpopulation, than there is left. We need to think ahead. What do we do when it is ALL Gone, and we only have 5 foot, 15" in diameter trees? We must use our intelligence at this time.

The BLM and Forest Service are government agencies. Not Logging Companies. The people, not just loggers, need to have a say, by voting in a State wide election, on every plan to cut into what is left. Not your little paper made books you send out for people to comment on. All the people - not just the Republican party, need to be included in the decisions made that affect our planet. Not just lobbyists, loggers + Bush. We pay your paychecks - You must listen to our ideas, before it is All Gone.

Sincerely, [illegible]