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I am a Choker Setter working for B & G Logging at Corvallis, Ore. I spend all my time in the forest between Corvallis and the coast. This is where I live, earn my living, and recreate. I am very aware of the large volume of timber being grown today in the BLM Forest.

We have been thinning a BLM timber sale and are harvesting 5MM board feet of logs from about ½ section of land. The stand remaining will grow at a much faster rate now and will be in a healthier condition. If this stand was not thinned, it would become overstocked and stop producing.

We do not want to cut the big old growth trees, just the 2nd growth that is growing in our area.

By selecting alternative 2 the BLM lands will provide a multiple use benefit to all those people living and working in U.S.A.

The allowable cut could easily be increased more than Alternative 2 and still protect the forest.

I recommend BLM select a "Modified Alternative 2 Plus" which incorporates greater management intensity over a greater acreage. Plan to harvest 80 % of the annual timber growth capability. Harvest enough timber to generate 100 % of the annual county subsidy paid from Secure Rural Schools Act.

Thank you,
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