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Western Oregon Plan Revisions
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Dear BLM:

I can't believe the BLM would participate in a plan as terrible as the Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR). The Bush administration and the timber companies clearly do not have the interests of Oregon's people, creatures, or the planet, in mind. Clearcutting old growth forest will not only threaten the peace and quiet, property values and ways of life of Oregon's rural residents -- it would also threaten the cleanliness of water depended upon by people in 70+ Oregon communities and salmon, too. The WOPR plan contravenes the spirit and letter of the Endangered Species Act + the Clean Water Act, + is blatantly illegal.

We've all seen the devastation fires can cause. Look at what just happened in San Diego. Converting old growth forest into dry, flammable tree plantations will increase carbon in the atmosphere and also the risk of catastrophic fire.

This is America. We don't have medieval castles or ancient walls. Our national heritage and international claim to fame is our forests full of giant old trees. They are as deserving of protection as any UNESCO World Heritage site. People come from all over the world to gape at & admire the awesome beauty and majesty of these trees. It's ridiculously short-sighted to tear them down for a few bucks. It's like killing off senior citizens to harvest their gold teeth - ghastly and unthinkable.

Preserve the irreplaceable. Think now! Before it's too late!

Sincerely,
Ellen Lingo