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Dear Good Poeples of the BLM

I am impressed with the opus you produced to explain your new management alternatives for your lands in Oregon. Thank you for inviting my comments.

I realize that historically the BLM has been expected to consider that its primary responsibility was to provide salable resources for homesteaders and their descendants. Perhaps that is why the BLM has two alternatives whose goal is to be a source of commodity extraction.. In spite of this dominant purpose, BLM seems finally to have come to grips to rescue areas which had become polluted and degraded by cattle grazing, trampling and dirtying our clean wilderness waters. Among other benefits, BLM has also made trails for hikers and fostered other recreation.

My choice of alternatives is the NO ACTION one.

I am for no plan that would leave no green trees after any cut.

I am against all clearcuts and cuts too close to all streams.

I am against any accommodation of off road vehicles in forests and desert whose beauty is first class; i.e., that has old growth and the full ground cover and complement of downed logs and snags, with at least eight living ancient trees per acre, in ancient forests.

I am against more roads on BLM lands. The more roads built for resource extraction that are returned to wilderness, the better!

Your concern for the prospect of destructive forest fires is commendable. Many precautions can help prevent such fires. One of them is to remove the brush understory common to neglected tree farms. In addition, it is important to develop a licensing program for new building in which the BLM refuses a permit for building closer than a safe distance from landscapes which could cause the owner to have a fire.