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Subject: Comments for Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR)

STOP! the archaic practice - laws from the 1800's - of cutting timber to fund schools. STOP desecrating our timber lands by clear cutting - abusive laws + methods.

I have "been out there" - I've personally been on logging roads in Washington + Oregon. Admire the small amount of old growth left for our future generations.

And I have seen, + been caught in, the devastating floods of recent years caused by de-logging - clear cutting too much.

DO SOMETHING TO STOP THESE PRACTICES

"From an 82 yr. old long-time hiker + backpacker" Janice Eddington
Still hiking the trails

The WOPR proposes to inflame the controversy by increasing old-growth clearcutting for a short-term economic fix. The WOPR puts water quality at risk and would destroy some of Oregon's most special places. We should protect our remaining mature and old-growth forests on public land, not clearcut these natural treasures.

It is disappointing that at a time when public consensus for old-growth protection and second-growth thinning has never been stronger, the BLM is proposing to clearcut forests older than our nation and turn complex ecosystems into tree plantations most susceptible to severe wildfire.

Please protect remaining old-growth forests, focus active management of BLM lands in already logged-over areas, and create job opportunities in restoration thinning projects that benefit watersheds and generate wood products without multiplying past mistakes.

Sincerely,

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