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CC: Oregon Congressional delegation

**Re: BLM Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR, aka whopper) Comments**

Dear BLM,

As residents of the Little Applegate Valley and watershed, we find the new BLM mismanagement of our public lands for the benefit of the few as outlined in the WOPR "Preferred Alternative and appropriately nicknamed "Whopper" totally unacceptable .

Under the Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR), the BLM appears to have sold out the public interest in it's responsibilities of management of nearly 2.6 million acres of our federal forests. **The changes that the BLM is contemplating in the WOPR preferred alternative will illegally remove the protections of the consensus Northwest Forest Plan, and lead to water pollution, degraded habitat, invasive species, degraded tourism and property values, excessive noise and pollution, and increased conflict and controversy.** This proposal also amazingly ( or maybe not amazingly, considering the actions and inactions of this government in the last 7 years) and **irresponsibly ignores the negative impacts of clearcutting to the impending climate crises.**

The BLM proposes to take our public lands it holds in trust for us, the American People and **increase logging on public lands in western Oregon by 700%, (much of it fire resistant old-growth timber) build 1,000 miles of new logging road in the next decade, adding 13 huge OHV use areas, and clearcut at a 9-1 ratio to thinning. This plan is totally unacceptable** to us and we, as part owners of these public lands do not and will not accept it.

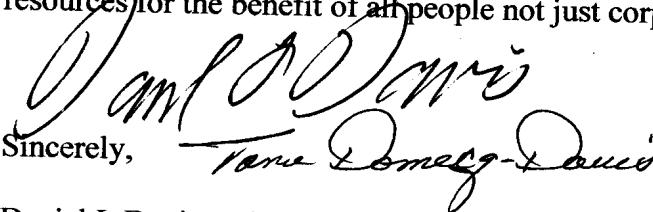
We want our public servants to pursue thinning second growth forests, help protect our rural and woodland communities from wildfire and from obnoxious and destructive OHV use expansion and protect what remains of our ancient forests. By focusing on previously logged public forestlands which need thinning rather than old growth, BLM could help provide wood to local mills and actually improve conditions for people, fish and wildlife and not cutting old-growth. We expect public servants to protect water quality, fire resiliency of true healthy forests, endangered species, riparian zones, & our quality of life, and not focus on benefiting a few corporations, who have acted unsustainably in the past.

**We do not accept thirteen new OHV destruction areas in Southern Oregon**, with their loud obnoxious polluting machines, boorish behavior from many riders, and severe erosion and destruction, to name a few reasons. **Why does the BLM believe that any expansion of OHV use areas would be acceptable to inflict upon S. Oregon?**

We find it difficult to believe that the BLM would take this **clearcutting** action that everyone with very few exceptions, agrees **will increase fire hazards**. An increase in noxious, invasive weeds and wildlife species will logically occur and is predicted under the WOPR. As streamside residents adjoining BLM lands impacted, we totally object.

**Reduced protection of Riparian zones is not acceptable** either as we live on the banks of the Little Applegate. We believe scientific evidence shows clearly that this act will not only harm water quality and fish habitat, but greatly increase flood danger as well as fire danger. This will unquestionably damage the Salmon as well. Not acceptable.

**This WOPR is all unnecessary, negative and irresponsible use of our lands, like spending capital instead of investing it wisely. We want this plan stopped and the "no Action" alternative selected.** This will avoid the excessive and costly litigation sure to follow. Please protect our forests, focus on fire reduction thinning in already logged-over areas, and concentrate job opportunities in small diameter and restoration forestry that will benefit our watersheds and do the job you are paid by us to do – protect our natural resources for the benefit of all people not just corporations.

  
Sincerely,

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