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To: BLM Decisionmakers re WOPR (www.blm.gov/or/plans/wopr)
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It is very important to me that you pay attention to the long-term effects of clear cutting in Oregon's forests. Selective logging, avoiding old growth by removing trees through appropriate cutting, can bring more jobs and encourage a higher level of commitment and understanding among the workforce and general population.

We are given this world to live in whether by accident or divine plan. Common sense as well as every advancing science tells us we live as a piece of a great puzzle, a subtle gestalt of biochemical and physical energy exchanges.

Please, register my citizen desires that the Bureau pursue:

1. **Selective logging** NOT clear cutting
2. Respect **riparian zones** and even increase them—mudslides from the recent storms suggest one of the many repercussions of clear cutting! In addition, clean water and the integration of natural functions with local communities again call for solid, healthy riparian zones
3. Recognize that **logging as an industry must change** to match contemporary and future needs and circumstances—just as many other industries are doing.
4. Clean water, abundant wildlife, wild fish to attract sports people, recreational opportunities—these are all threatened by clear cutting.

Science has not shown us evidence that clear cutting works. Oregon's heritage is founded on the power of its peoples to solve problems, not rally around an outdated economic solution out of narrow-mindedness and fear.

Alan Baas