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Mr. Ron Dunton
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Subject: Interagency Collaboration on BLMs RMPs for Western Oregon

Dear Mr. Dunton:

I want to commend the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on the impressive effort you put forth on the Resource Management Plans (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement for six BLM Districts in Western Oregon (RMPs). Considering the scope and scale of this effort, I offer my compliments to you and your planning team for your process and clear commitment to public engagement throughout the process.

I appreciate your continued and proactive engagement during the development of your RMPs. My Forest Service staff actively participated in numerous meetings of your cooperating agency advisory group and your technical subgroups. We also provided comments on technical aspects of the analyses directly to your planning team.

The Forest Service and BLM are interdependent in management of much of the federal lands in Oregon. In planning for management of ecological processes that cross administrative boundaries, we acknowledge the complexity of developing plans for BLM managed lands that are intermingled with or in close proximity to National Forest lands.

Following a final decision on your RMP revisions, the Forest Service will continue to engage with you through interagency meetings, the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) Regional Interagency Executive Committee, and through data sharing from the NWFP monitoring modules. The Forest Service greatly appreciates the interagency collaborative environment in the Pacific Northwest and the continued commitment with our interagency partners to maintain that environment. We look forward to learning from your experience.

Sincerely,

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Regional Forester

