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A Management Plan for the U.S. Forest Service lands in the eleven Western States.

- 1. Divide the land as follows:
 - a. 40% for environmental concerns including Wilderness, parks, viewpoints, Old Growth and any other environmental issue.
 - b. 10% to protect Riparian Areas.
 - c. 50% to produce products for the American public.
- 2. Establish this plan for a minimum of 80 years.
- 3. To eliminate nuisance lawsuits against the Plan, require the plaintiffs to establish a bond to pay for any damages.
- 4. Each side is responsible for the Forest Health in their portion of the Plan.
- 5. The U.S. Forest Service to supervise this plan. The Forest Service to review the Plan every 6 to 8 years and report to the President and Congress.

BENEFITS

- 1. Most importantly, the Plan would energize Rural Communities with jobs and small business activity.
- 2. Economists report for every million board feet of timber harvested, it creates 16 to 19 year round family wage jobs. This alone contributes tax revenue to the State of Oregon along with supporting industries' tax payments.
- 3. The Plan would eliminate the need for in lieu of timber harvest payments to the Counties.
- 4. Harvest the timber on an allowable sale acreage. Example, 80 year growing period, cut one eightieth per year. The same applies to every growing period. This protects the same amount of timber on the ground in perpetuity.
- 5. Presently we import approximately 40% of our softwood. This Plan would greatly reduce imports.
- 6. The Plan would help our imbalance of payments to foreign countries.
- 7. Small acreage timber harvest provides more wildlife activities. Many animals feed on the edges.
- 8. The Plan would help reduce forest fires.
- 9. The Plan would stop the negative activities of both sides.
- 10. The Plan would create a legitimate competition for each side and they could show the public how good a job they would do on the land allotted to them.

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Since writing the first page of a Timber Management Plan and advice from Environment and Timber, I wish to supply this addendum

- The 40% of land allocated to the Environment would allow harvest (only when authorized by the Environmental Side), except for those lands already under Wilderness. Any timber or biomass sold, the funds to be set aside (like stewardship funds) for use to improve or establish trails or any other endeavor that would enhance recreation or ecological benefits to the Forest.
- 2. Do not designate any more Wilderness. Designations to cover Recreation Reserves or the like, so if desired harvest could occur.
- 3. Allocate the division of lands by Watersheds to ensure a fair cross section of the U.S. Forest Service Land.