

# LETTERS

tion are now at risk of collapse. Thus our entire civilization is at risk of collapse and a community's future survival may depend on essential local resources that are available to it.

Here in the Northwest, the intact native forests and what they provide for us (clean water, salmon, soils and carbon storage biomes like no other) are going to be our lifeboats on a sinking ship.

Now, when some agency like the Oregon Bureau of Land Management is damaging and destroying these lifeboats, they are threatening the future survival of our community as well as the survival of our own families.

However, if the BLM, Forest Service, Oregon Board of Forestry and Oregon's timber barons enact ecological based restoration

on ALL the lands they have damaged instead of continuing the destruction and poisoning they are currently perpetrating, we may consider them benign. They are unlikely to do this voluntarily however.

Any entity or individual who threatens the survival of our community or our family now or into the future must be stopped, reversed or abolished. If our U.S. representatives, senators, governors and other elected officials don't understand how dire the current situation is and are not actively opposing the destruction and preparing communities for the inevitable hardships, then they need to be removed from office.

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