

It would be one thing if the proposed move was into a building whose current occupants also wanted to move, but the fact that the only apparent option would displace a successful, diverse, community-oriented school is too much. The district needs to stop giving preference to elitist alternative schools.

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STRENGTH OF THE WEST

The natural environment of the West is its economic strength. The WOPR proposal will jeopardize that strength for the benefit

of the few. Not even counting the impact on watersheds, wildlife and general health of people and families, the WOPR will compromise one of our most important assets: our beautiful natural environment.

A Haynes and Horne report found in 2000 that roadless areas derived only 11 percent of their economic benefit from timber harvest. The other 89 percent was from recreation and services that the forests attract. Forests make more money for Oregon when they are healthy and growing, not clearcut.

Yes, we need thinning, but the WOPR is not about thinning. It is about clearcutting

and cutting old growth, and that will not lead to positive long-term changes in Oregon. Eco-tourism and related industries are the third largest in our state. There are more than 73,000 jobs from the natural environment that gross more than \$310 million in taxes annually.

Growing the economic tax base is what we need.

Besides, the WOPR plan is highly illegal. A BLM official told us after the meeting at the Cottage Grove community center that the plan is not likely to pass the Clean Water Act. How can such a plan be considered when the salmon and owls are

dwindling? Why do you think the BLM will not meet with the public?

The answer for our economic woes has to come from somewhere, other than nickel and diming our forests to death. Our country is richer than ever, even when adjusted for inflation. Growing the economic tax base will help our state, not depleting the resources that sustain it.

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