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Proposed Unified Federal Policy for Ensuring a Watershed Approach to Federal Land and Resource Management

This is the best proposal that has been made in the two decades.

General Comments

1. The area East of the Cascade Mountains and West of the Rocky Mountains - North of the Southern drainages of the Klamath River and South of the Canadain Border is the harshest area of the United Ststes with the greatest population.

2. The Oregon Plan gives maximum protection to water, air and soil.

3. To have this proposal to be a success the heads of the eight agencies listed must make up the committee that ensures the improvement of the watersheds.

4. No area of land can be managed for a single purpose (fish, birds or trees).

5. Certain parts of the Northwest Forest Plan will have to be changed if the watershed becomes the #1 objective - L.S.R.'s, snag retention and saving the old growth.

6. The Wilderness areas must be managed for water.

7. Urban sprawl must be stopped - Septic Tank Problem.

8. The Wild horse population should receive more attention.

9. The travel on un-improved roads should be controlled so that the mud and dust does not hurt the watershed.

10. Start a conservation program for potable water.

11. The States should help the Sunday farmer so that the livestock population does not exceed the carrying capacity of the acreage.

12. All efforts should benefit the greatest number of people.

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