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March 29, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
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Dear Katie:

As you know, we believe a strong, scientifically sound approach must be the basis of any ancient forest resolution. One of the most credible scientific studies examining protection of the ancient forest ecosystem was produced by the "Scientific Panel on Late-Successional Forest Ecosystems", more commonly known as the Portland Panel or the Gang of Four.

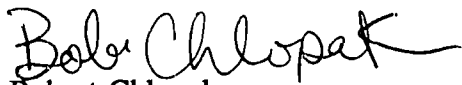
This Panel, established by the House Committees on Agriculture and Merchant Marine and Fisheries, produced a final report which describes a series of 14 alternatives for the management of federal forest lands and for the protection of spotted owls, salmon and other species. These 14 options range from an alternative which would emphasize timber production to an alternative which would eliminate logging of all ancient forests and encourage ecosystem based management of federal forests. In addition, the panel produced a series of maps which geographically depict the proposed alternatives: state maps for California, Oregon, and Washington exist as well as maps for each National Forest discussed in the report.

The maps created by the Panel are a vital resource and provide a visual guide to proposed alternatives. Because these maps are the property of the House Committees, we can not transport them to the Forest Conference, but we strongly urge you to make these maps available as a resource in Portland. Professor Norm Johnson, a member of the Panel, has a complete set of these maps in Eugene, Oregon. He can be reached at (503) 228-3292

We have enclosed a copy and summary of the Panel's report and 11 x 8.5 inch map sets which show the report's forest reserve recommendations for each alternative. The "official" maps in Professor Johnson possession are larger in size and are more appropriate for use at the Conference.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call one of us.

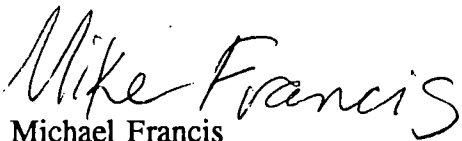
Sincerely,



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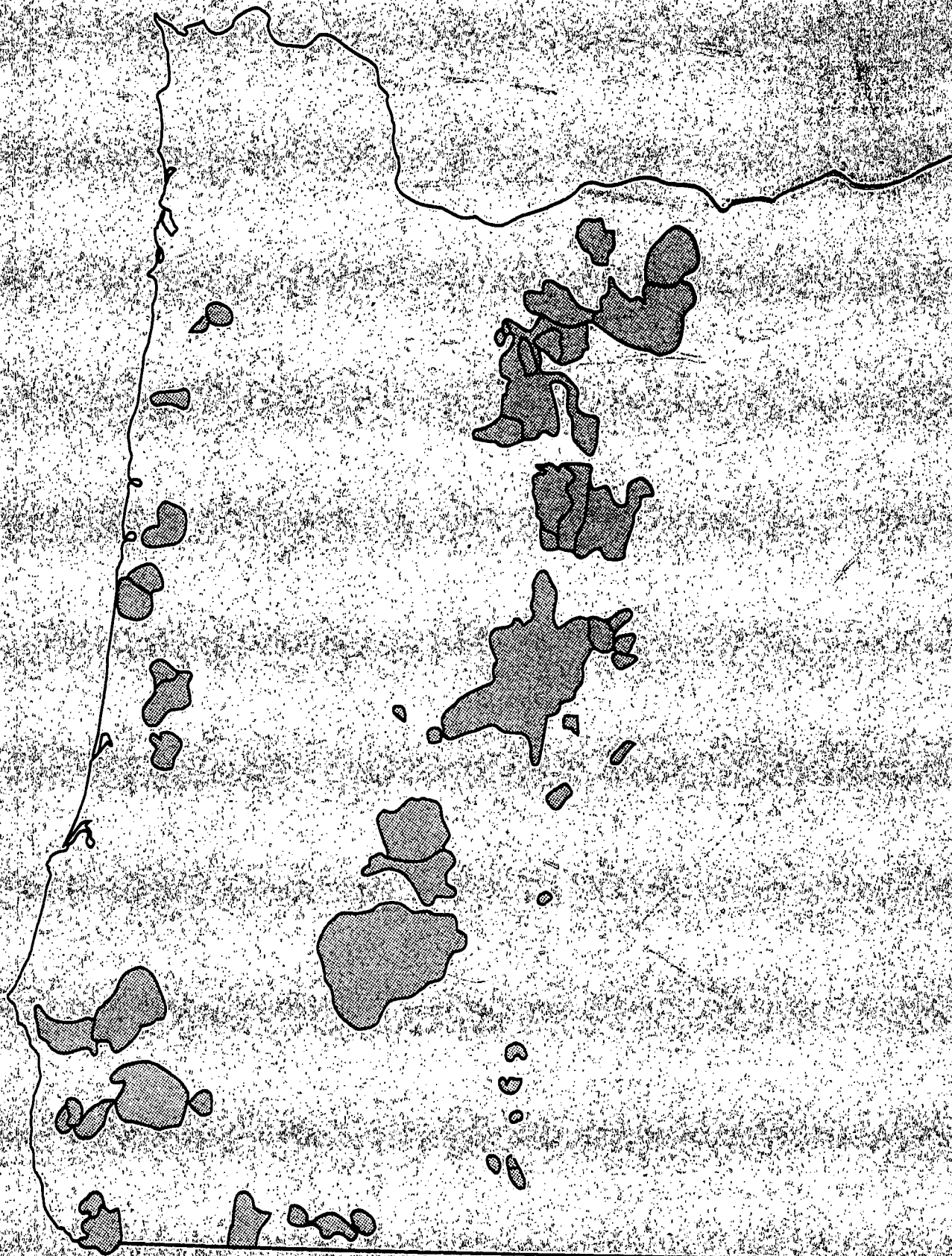


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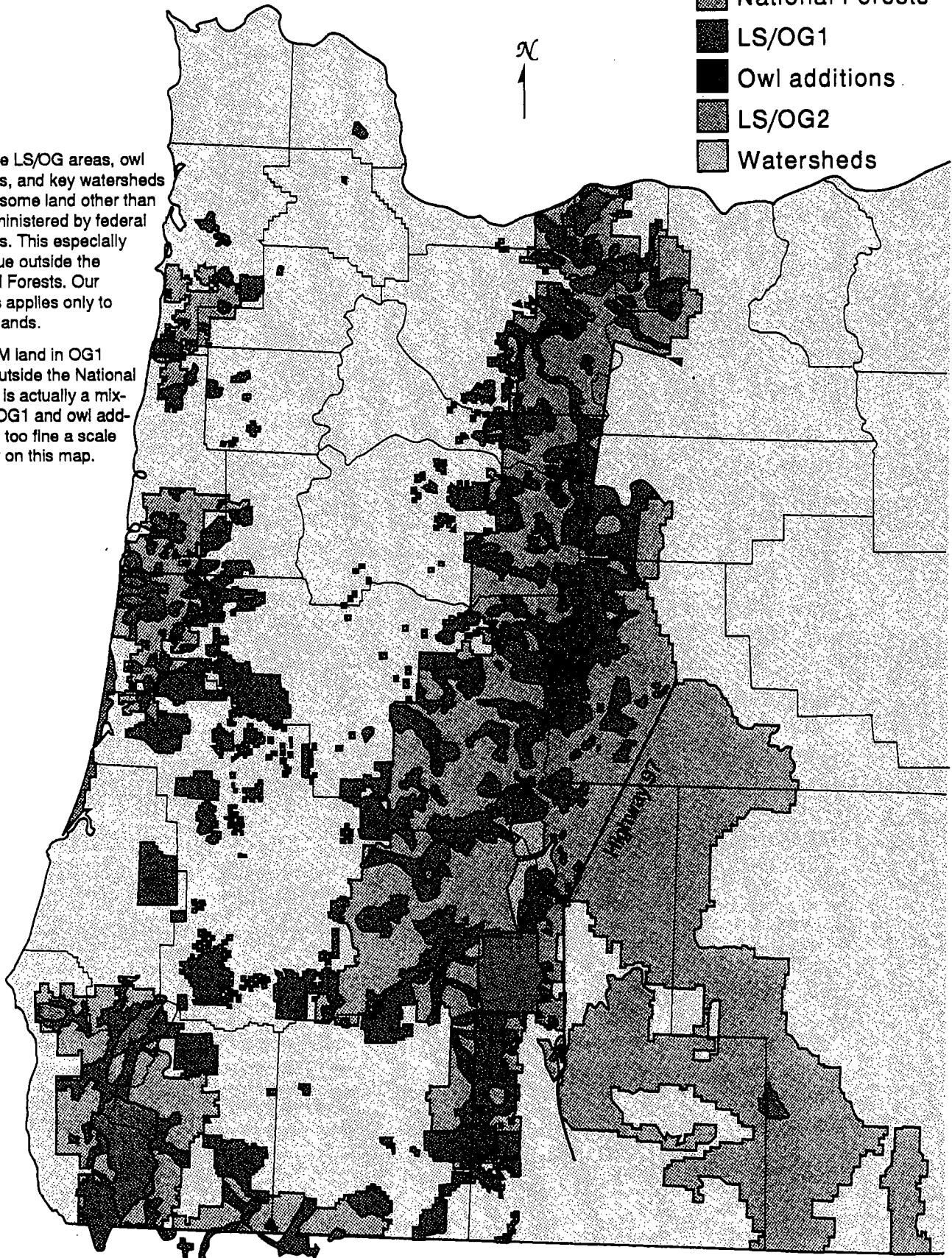
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-  Wilderness
-  OCRA
-  National Parks
-  National Forests
-  LS/OG1
-  Owl additions
-  LS/OG2
-  Watersheds

Note: the LS/OG areas, owl additions, and key watersheds contain some land other than that administered by federal agencies. This especially holds true outside the National Forests. Our analysis applies only to federal lands.

The BLM land in OG1 areas outside the National Forests is actually a mixture of OG1 and owl additions at too fine a scale to show on this map.



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