

Governor Ted Kulongoski  
900 State Capitol Building  
Salem, Oregon  
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Re: December Storms in Northwest Oregon

Dear Governor Kulongoski;

I am the Oregon Area Political Director for the Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers (AWPPW). I attended the House Interim Committee on Workforce and Economic Development on January 14, 2008. I am sure that you are only too aware that the subject was on the response and recovery efforts following these storms last December in the Northwest of this state.

I was particularly interested to hear about the 350 million board feet on the forest floors of which 250 million could be salvaged. The pulp and paper industry along with other timber related industries could make good use of such an amount of timber that was described to the committee.

Governor, the chip supply for the mills that our AWPPW membership works at are in short supply. Some of the reasons for this are: the housing market is down which has caused saw mills to shut down; China is now in the market for chips and is willing to pay record prices for wood chips which of course adds to the expense; Canada is now using U.S. wood chips because of many environmental suits filed against them; and of course with the bio mass industry coming into play the demands on wood chips will be even greater.

Governor, these sad and tragic storms that occurred could possibly be turned into a positive thing by allowing this timber to be salvaged and put into good use. On behalf of the members of AWPPW and the officers of the Oregon-Idaho-Utah Council, I hope that you can help in what ever way you can to make this possible.

Thank you for your time.  
Sincerely,

*/s/ Mike Sullivan*

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