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Steve Hobbs, Chair, Members of The Federal Forestland Advisory Committee and Facilitator  
Robert Fisher:

### FEDERAL TIMBER AND RURAL OREGON

I am Wayne Giesy, private timberland owner and longtime previous employee as sales manager for Hull-Oakes Lumber Co, Benton County, Oregon. My principle responsibility was to receive the greatest sales value for the Douglas-Fir lumber and large long timbers which the consuming public demanded and we regularly manufactured. Usually, these products were manufactured from Douglas-Fir logs 90/125 years old.

I am Dick Posekany, 1951 Forestry graduate and silviculturist. As Company Forester, I constantly applied the latest scientific knowledge to the growing, culturing, harvesting and replanting of Douglas-Fir timber on our land in order to obtain the best growth and the best quality wood possible. Frank Lumber Co., Inc. continues to be very selective in the logs we purchase on the open market.

Our customers require high quality lumber products. Dimension and framing lumber products are kiln dried and machine tested for strength in order to guarantee their strength in use. Douglas-Fir and Western Hemlock timber 80 years old and older normally provide the highest quality which meets the market's demand.

Committee Chair, Steve Hobbs, in meeting November 29, 2006, described the Governor's charge to the FFAC – "Create a vision of how federal forestlands can be managed in Oregon to contribute to the sustainability of all Oregon's forests, treat Oregon's forests in totality and produce a guidance document that shows how to achieve that vision". The 2005 Oregon Legislature and our Governor have recognized that infrastructures' usage of Federal Timber could again be an important factor for the financial recovery of County Government services, schools, roads, law enforcement, etc., plus foster much needed Rural Oregon employment.

The Federal Timber Management Plan developed by this Committee should contain sustainable harvest volumes for all timber age classes up through maturity. Active forest management contains healthy vigorously growing stands of timber that are environmentally beneficial through the natural process of photosynthesis wherein greenhouse gases are absorbed and oxygen is given off. Also, wildlife habitats are provided and protected along with good watersheds, soils, aesthetics, combating the occurrence of wildfire plus providing necessary building materials and paper products.

Current federal management and conservation challenges demand preservation of older timber habitat for some endangered species. There is developing evidence from wildlife managers and forestry officials that increasing numbers of deer and elk are migrating to adjacent private land from the federal forests to secure low browse and woody food that are growing in recent clear-cuts and newly planted forest areas. There should also be federal forest habitat for songbirds, insects and other vertebrate species.

The Federal Forestland Advisory Committee must specifically direct that the portion of federal forests covered in their recommendations must be fully managed at all levels of timber growth regardless of age or size, starting immediately. Final harvest, as allowed in the Management Plan, must be by clear-cut. In so doing, there will be a continuous wildfire safe timber cycle of newly planted areas while improving the quality and spacing of the growing stock through thinning as trees grow to maturity. After harvest a repeat of the timber cycle begins by reforestation with scientifically superior seedlings.

We have suggested a beginning federal timber harvest quantity in our letter to the Committee dated Nov. 14, 2007.

Facts remind us that 57% of the forest land acreage in Oregon is federally owned. We urgently need and deserve fully managed productive federal forests that contribute to the needs of all our citizens, especially those in Rural Oregon communities.

Thank you.

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