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Dear Mr Pastal,

I am writing because the issue of herbicide spraying is so important for everyone's health! We definitely need a buffer zone (at the very least) to stop pesticide spraying near our homes! Many people have been caught unprepared, and there is really no way to prepare for herbicide spray through water and air. #132

Also, BOF members should not have financial interests in the timber industry, & that has been brought to my attention that at least two do! #133

Thank you for listening to

my concerns!

Sincerely,

Eric Nicholson

Eric Nicholson

5-10-09

To whom it may concern  
at BOF and Dan Postrel,

1. We need a buffer zone to  
protect our families and friends  
from Timber aerial helicopter  
sprays of herbicide near homes  
and schools # 134

2. BOF members should not  
have conflict of interest. # 135

Thank you for your part  
of protecting our future.

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Neila Crocker

To whom it may concern for issue scan.

1. We need a buffer zone to stop spraying pesticide near homes #136
2. BOF members should not have financial conflict of interest. #137
3. Please plant only native plants. #138

Thank you.  
Mark Schmidt  
1450 Lake Dr.  
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Mark Schmidt

Issue Scan

- ① Please create a buffer zone to STOP spraying pesticides near homes. #139
- ② Board of Forestry members should not have financial conflict of interest. #140
- ③ Please STOP clearcutting! #141
- ④ Please plant diverse native trees. #142

Sita Martin

To whom this may concern,

1. PLEASE we need a buffer zone to stop spraying pesticides near our homes.
2. BOF members should not have financial conflict of interest.
3. STOP Clear Cutting our forests.
4. Please plant diverse trees

Katherine Baynton

Katherine Baynton  
AGENDA ITEM 4  
Attachment 5  
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1. We need a buffer zone to stop spraying pesticides near people's homes - we need to stop ~~aerial~~ spraying completely

#147

2. Board of Forestry members should not have a financial conflict of interest, ~~in carrying out~~ their board duties.

#148

Pay heed to the Federal Corruption Laws - that's what they are for!

AGENDA ITEM 4  
Attachment 5

3. Stop Clear cutting! m Johnson

4. Plant a diverse crop - stop monoculture

#149

#150

## Issue Scan

I would like to have the pesticide spraying stopped near houses and schools

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BOF members must not have any financial conflict of interest

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Thank You  
Edward Jacobson

Edward Jacobson

Issue Scan

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1) Please stop spraying pesticides near our homes. We need a buffer zone to STOP spraying pesticides near homes.

#153

2) Board of ~~MANAGEMENT~~ Forestry members should NOT have financial conflict of interest.

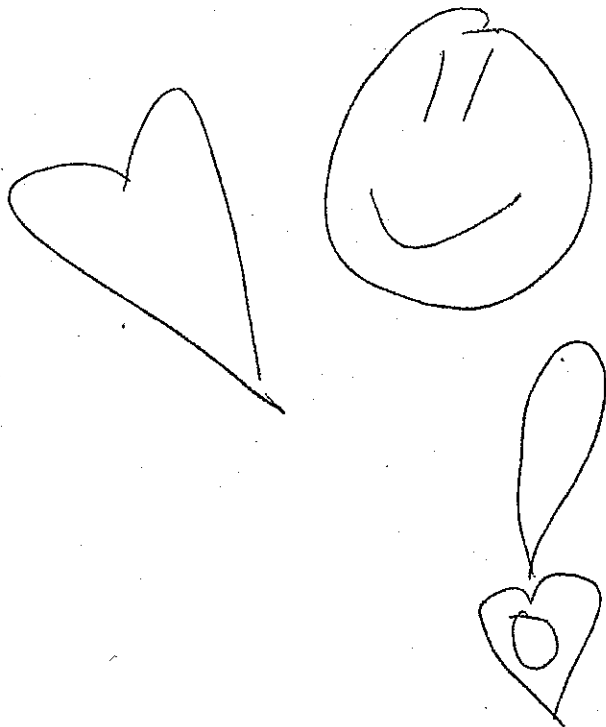
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3) Please STOP clearcutting the forest!

#155

4) Please plant diverse trees instead of commercial trees.

#156



Shawna Baynton

- We need A buffer zone to stop spraying pesticides near homes, schools, and major waterways. 15
- Board of Forestry members should not have financial conflict of interest. 15
- Clear cutting our forests is damaging to our ecosystem, and destroying the homes of plants and animals. 159
- Planting genetically altered or modified trees is damaging to our forests. 160

Carl Hutt

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May 22, 2009

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Concentrate on Core Missions – This is certainly not a time for "mission creep", or expansion of non-core mission activities. It will be a struggle for at least the near future for the Department to adequately cover the bases of core functions: fire prevention, fire suppression, Forest Practices Act implementation, landowner assistance, and keeping the wheels turning on State Forest lands. By necessity, there will be some degree of minimization amongst all those core mission activities. It is a time to be clear and honest about the differences between discretionary and non-discretionary functions. It is a time to do the best job possible on the non-discretionary tasks...the things that by law the Department and Board must do...and to set aside for better times everything else.

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Federal Forest Issues – Continue to try to move the Federal Forests Advisory Committee report on to action, as resources allow. While I certainly don't agree with everything in the report, it represents our states, or perhaps anyone's best attempt yet to encourage sensible management on federal forests, since the enactment of the Northwest Forest Plan. It represents the collective desires of a very diverse set of Oregonians who share concerns over the deteriorating condition of federal forests and local economies that depend on those forests. Press our congressional delegation and federal forest leaders to start implementing actions called for in the report. Rural Oregon economies in much of the state and east of the Cascades in particular are hurting due in part to inaction on these forests. And catastrophic fire risk continues to climb in those forests for the same reason.

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Strengthen Collaborative Partnerships – Now more than ever, the Board and Department need to work with landowners to shore up long term partnerships in both Forest Practices Act implementation and fire protection. Next biennium's budget outcomes for the Department are yet to be resolved, but it is clear that all three major programs will be substantially reduced in capacity when the dust settles at the end of the legislative session. The only good news here is that we already have a strong state/landowner partnership in fire and private forests program implementation. Trained ODF employees in these two programs will be fewer and farther between, with greater work loads over the next two years. Landowners and operators will need to do more for themselves when it comes to forest practices and fire protection matters. Educational outreach about this issue needs to occur, with roles for ODF, landowner organizations and other groups such as Society of American Foresters, consulting foresters, OFRI and Extension Service, possibly through the Master Woodland Manager program.

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#1 issue, near and long term - The Board must help the Department find ways to increase its political and public stature. We've seen an overall and steady decline in the Department's ability to maintain its seat at the General Fund table over the past decade, through both economic downturns and improvements. In contrast to that, it should be noted that landowners have remained willing to pay their fair share of Fire and Private Forests Program support through both up and down times. This is a crisis in public funding, public understanding and public support for the Department of Forestry and its public benefit outputs and I think it is being reflected in budget decisions made in the Governor's office and in the legislature. I have thought for some time that ODF needs to find a new public funding source for its programs. The General Fund well seems to be slowly running dry, when it comes to paying for natural resource programs in the whole and forestry programs specifically. But the problem is bigger than the loss of General Funds. I think it is a loss of public recognition, understanding and support for the ODF programs. If this problem can't be solved the Forestry Program for Oregon will be a hollow promise, gathering dust on the shelf.

Suggested Issues for  
the Board of Forestry to consider in 2009

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Issue Description: Dear Chairman Blackwell:

I am writing on behalf of Plum Creek Timber Company to provide brief input on what we believe are the most important forest-related issues in Oregon today, and what the Board's priorities should be. Our thoughts on this are guided by the current economic conditions and the extremely difficult times that face the forest products industry.

There are two areas we believe deserve the full attention of the Board of Forestry. First, the public needs reassurance that the Forest Practices Act is being implemented and public resources are being protected on private forestland. Second, there needs to be adequate funding and the infrastructure to protect Oregon's forests from devastation by wildfire.

When the economy improves, there will be time to revisit the Forestry Program for Oregon and update the associated work plans and indicators. Plum Creek will gladly participate more fully at that time.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Joel Nelson

Senior Resource Manager,

Plum Creek Timber Company

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C. Review current requirements of organic material retention at logging sites, in the face of recent increases of "logging by products" removal for utilization in biomass generation facilities. Retention of organic material plays a key role in nutrient cycling and site regeneration.

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Issue Description: To Whom it May Concern,

I write to voice my concern that the BOF has yet to take all the measures reasonably possible to effectively assess the health and environmental impacts of present forestry herbicide use in Oregon forests.

I am a life long resident of Lincoln County and like many folks in this area worry that these impacts are not being enough looked into on our behalf. Please let us know that your literature search to scientifically establish what is safe use is under way and that our community may be assured that the BOF is not succumbing to timber industry pressure to neglect and minimize our valid concerns.

Thanks for your time and attention,

Penelope Kaczmarek, LCSW

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Issue Description: I own a family tree farm that I manage without use of forestry herbicides or toxics.

In 2007 hundreds if not thousands of Oregonians sent comments to the BOF regarding our concerns with the widespread use of forestry herbicides and the high likelihood of chemical impacts on human health and the health of our region's ecosystems. Because of the exceptionally large number of responses the ODF staff made a recommendation to the Board that a scientific literature search would be appropriate. The Board then requested the staff to begin the literature search process.

Two years have gone by and both the Board and the staff have chosen to not move forward. What is astounding is that the President of the Board announced that the 2009 Issue Scan is open for public input after having ignored public concerns of the 2007 Scan. Why are you not taking this seriously?

As a public agency, ODF should be making decisions based on the best available science. There needs to be a transparent, independent, unbiased search of professional and credible research on forestry herbicides, their modes of transport through the environment, their effect on human health, on fish, and on the environment in general. Good policy is based on good science.

I ask you to make good on your commitment to represent all Oregonians and Oregon tree farmers, not just the needs of big timber. Credible science is what is needed to address the declining health of our forest ecosystems. Not just more weaving and dodging and avoiding the issues.

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F. The Oregon Forest Practices Rules (FPR) lack protection for ephemeral and non-fish bearing streams. Current rules require no retention of any trees to protect these important aquatic systems. Buffering these systems with riparian forest protection is vital to protect water quality and food production for all aquatic biota.

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Issue Description: My concerns are about Quality of Drinking water and contamination of watersheds by application (aerial and ground) of herbicides, pesticides and the carrier agents used with these poisons.

Dioxin is the most toxic chemical that threatens human health. Herbicides which contain this as a by-product of their manufacture must be phased out and alternatives found.

The cost for society to care for the diseases these chemical management schemes produce is far greater than the cost of alternative manual management and would produce jobs for Oregonians.

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Issue Description: I am concerned with the widespread use of forestry herbicides and the high likelihood of chemical impacts on human health and the health of our region's ecosystems. A public agency should be making decisions based on the best available science. I am also concerned that It seems apparent that the timber industry has the power to influence the Board of Forestry and the ODF staff. There needs to be a transparent, independent, unbiased search of professional and credible research on forestry herbicides, their modes of transport through the environment, their effect on human health, on fish, and on the environment in general. Good policy is based on good science not on the economic interest of a narrow segment of our population and the even narrow interests of the very powerful timber industry. In my life as an Organic Farmer, struggling to make a living in rural Oregon, I have personally been effected by forestry spraying and it's negative impact on my economic viability. Thank you, Bruce kubert

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Issue Description: I am very concerned about use and over use of pesticides in our forests and along road ways. Apparently the board was to look into this matter two years ago and nothing has been done. We cannot forever put off looking into matters like these. We are all at risk. Toxins don't discriminate one human being from another.

Travelling around Southern Oregon recently looking at the rate of clear cutting and the inevitable soil erosion into streams, rivers and lakes one has to wonder how long fish, wildlife and the health of the waters will endure.

Please educate board members and limit your use of harmful pesticides.

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H. Ensuring that state FPR and Forest Management Practice (FMP) are consistent w/recovery of salmon (not simply "no jeopardy"). For example: FPR still allow culverts to be built to 1/2 bank full width, which often clog/fail; FPR allows logging practices inconsistent with aquatic health and the retention/expansion --where appropriate-- of Salmon Anchor Habitats.

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I'm a Lane Co farmer and timberland owner. I supported bringing the issue of reckless and unnecessary pesticide use to the last BOF issues scan, and I attended several Board of Forestry meetings last year where pesticide use was discussed.

I remember in particular a Salem meeting where ODF and ODA staff reported they didn't have enough data collected to form an opinion, and so concluded pesticides were suitable and safe. Staff then offered to do a literature search on damage from forest pesticides, and the board ordered future agenda items in work sessions on pesticide issues. To my knowledge, the literature search is not completed, and no BOF agenda items or work sessions on pesticide problems have occurred.

At last summer's BOF meeting in Cottage Grove, most of the people submitting testimony spoke to personal and environmental injury caused by off-target drift of forest pesticides. Numerous studies have shown forest pesticide residue runoff pollutes downstream sediments, fish tissue and stream water, which is now a violation of the US Clean Water Act.

The Board of Forestry must address the problems of excessive pesticide use not only because of these poisons drift off-target and cause documented harm to people, fish and the environment, but also because pesticides, like fuel and fertilizer, are fossil-fuel products and are therefore ultimately unsustainable.

I urge the BOF to make the problems of pesticide dependency central to its 2009-2011 agenda.

Sincerely, John Sundquist

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A. The primary limiting factor for fish recovery is stream complexity which is driven in great part by large wood. For this purpose, ODF needs to do a better job leaving trees in large wood delivery areas within state forest lands. It also needs to leave the existing in stream large wood undisturbed, and discourage or prohibit its removal by others.

B. Work with private landowners to encourage/educate on identifying/managing private land large wood delivery areas. Partnerships with private landowners will provide a more consistent basin-scale management approach to addressing limiting factors.

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D. The fact that we have too many roads in our forests and the lack of road maintenance of them, constitute an ongoing threat to freshwater quality protection.

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Issue Description: I am submitting comments on behalf of the Lane County Audubon Society. Our members value Oregon forests for the recreational opportunities that they provide, as habitat for fish and wildlife, and for the important role that they play in providing clean air and water, and in carbon sequestration. We are concerned with the widespread use of herbicides in the forestry program and the potential impact of these poisons on environmental health and human health, water quality, fish and wildlife. Chemicals are carried through the ecosystem both in the soil and in the water. A 2000-2005 US Geological Survey (USGS) study found a variety of pesticides in water samples. Various herbicides have been shown to negatively impact fish, aquatic invertebrates, amphibians, birds, and mammals including humans. It is important that we have a better understanding of how and where these chemicals move as well as the impact they have on the ecosystem.

I would like to speak to you about the Oregon Government's strategy to reduce the use of toxic chemicals in our good State of Oregon and the Civil Rights involved.

I have the Civil Rights as a Citizen of the State of Oregon to have Clean Water to Drink, Clean Air to Breathe and Clean Food to Eat. I have the Civil Right to Chemical Free Water, Air and Food. And, so does every other Citizen of the State of Oregon have the same Civil Rights. When is the State of Oregon Management going to find Solutions to Oregon's problems of Citizen's constant exposure to chemicals everyday. Oregonian's are helping to lead the world and We stand tall for our beliefs. Oregon has been the birthplace of leadership roll in how Oregonian's figure out ways to work together toward Common Goals. No matter how hard the work becomes.

My civil rights of clean water, air and food are violated so many times a day I can not count. The protection of all Citizen's of the State of Oregon is mandated by Oregon Constitution. We must implement policies that base decisions on Good Science. There is Good Science out there.

All public agency should be making decisions based on the best available science. There needs to be a transparent, independent, unbiased search of professional and credible research on forestry herbicides, their modes of transport through the environment, their effect on human health, on fish, and on the environment in general.

**Good policy is based on Good Science. This is an absolute must. And, Good Science can not be ignored by the Management of Oregon State Agencies.**

Policies must be put into place that helps all State Agencies to work together for common goals and not to do business as usual. The Citizen's of Oregon will be heard. We are tired of our families being sick all the time. We don't like our Pets poisoned by their food. We don't like the Chemicals in everything. We are going to fight for our Civil Rights to reducing the toxins used in Oregon.

I will admit to having very personal feelings about the use of all chemicals in our Modern Society. I am very Chemical Sensitive. I am allergic to probably most Man-Made Chemicals according Dr. Bryan Harris, Newport, Oregon. I have had several very close calls due to exposure to airborne herbicides being slashed burned by Timber Companies and Grass Farmers. I fight for chemical free air, water and food, every day. I feel like a caged sick animal much of the time. And very little I can do about the contamination. The law must state that the General Public is to be notified of all spraying. If the Public is never notified, how can a person like myself even attempt to avoid the chemical contamination? I have lost my Civil Rights, I fear. And, I am starting to believe that no one cares how sick it make Cyndi.

Every exposure seems to be worse. After exposure my lungs fill with bubbly thick mucus. My body swells with fluids and the doctor said that my lungs are probably partial filling with fluids. It is very scary to live though. But, at least so far I have live through each attack. It is hard to get away from the smoke, even in the house. The worst exposure I have gotten have been when driving. I can not get to fresh air quickly enough. I am allergic to Classes of Pharmaceutical Drugs. I use organic herbs and medicines to survive. I try to stay as chemical free as possible. I spent a lot of time holding my breathe until I can get to fresh air. If I can find air.

I feel Like a Fish Out of Water many times a day. Is this what a Coho Salmon feels like when it is gulping air in a hot stream bank with most of the vegetation removed from Pesticide sprayed Clear Cut forests. Many times Timber Companies only have to leave 20 feet of trees. Do you know how fast 40 ft of uncut riparian vegetation blows down with all the surrounding trees cut? Not very long in the Oregon Coast Range wind storms. Larger areas of critical fish habitat is gone in a few years. The streams, creeks and rivers are then left without shade and sick dying fish. We have a Broken System. Oregon Government Management has to Fix it Now.

We are spending taxpayer dollars to fix and repair Watersheds and habitats. While at the same time, Oregon Forestry Board Management Policies are allowing forestry practices that cause

damage to the Watershed. Then the taxpayers have to go pay to fix the Watershed again. There is something Very wrong with this picture.

I have attached a document from Dr. Tom Kerns. He has done work world wide on the Civil Rights of Citizen's and Pesticide use by industry.

I find Dr. Kerns has given me food for thought about Citizen's Civil Rights for Freedom from Chemicals.

This is a partial list of questions and issues that have been keeping me up at night.

The Citizen's of the State of Oregon to have the Civil Rights to Safe Drinking Water. Companies responsible for the use of the chemicals should have to prove they are safe before use. Good Science Practices must be used.

Timber and Agriculture Industries should have to pay for the testing of the water for all Toxins. Comprehensive water studies must be done state-wide. Samples should be checked for many sources of contamination.

How can Oregon know what needs to be done if Science Research is done improperly? Funds must be made available for better Scientific Research into the Toxin in our Drinking Water.

What are the water contamination doing to fish? What are the sources of the chemicals?

How many sources may come from Public Citizen's and their Chemicals used?

What Household products are damaging the watershed's?

What are we flushing down our drains in Oregon?

How do we stop the contamination of our rural drinking wells with chemicals?

How do we identify all of the Chemicals present in our drinking water and our watersheds?

Do we even know what chemicals or prescription drugs are contaminating our drinking water and watersheds?

How does the Local Citizen's, County Government and the City of Waldport stop the spraying of pesticide into an Lint Slough, an important fish watershed area?

How does the Local Citizen's, County Government and the City of Waldport stop the use of toxic chemicals in or near Drinking Water Watershed Basins?

It should be illegal to use any pesticide chemicals in Municipal Watersheds without the Written permission of the Governing Bodies of the Watershed.

There are a lot of men out of work. Put Men to work cleaning up the forest instead of using Pesticide/Herbicide to poison our drinking water and our children.

There are many citizen's that are working hard to stop the poisoning of our citizen's water, food and air. And, there is a lot of taxpayers money being spent on the recovery of fish. And, yet our Oregon State Forestry policies continue to allow large area's of application of Pesticide to our environment and Watershed's.

Timbers Companies are allow to continue clear cut harvesting and spraying of herbicides. The use of the herbicides in the timber industry are killing Oregon Native Plants. Many Native species are just barely starting to recover from the last human harvest of the forest, when the forest is cut down again. How many Native Species have become extinct because of Oregon Forestry Rules? We will never know. With all the pesticide use, the Native Plants have very little hope of recovery.

What happened to all the Native Rhododendron in the Forests. What native species the Timber Companies have not wiped out through the years, the speculation housing developers have cleared large lots of coastal forests. All Native vegetation removed scraped down to nothing. Only to let a massive field of Invasive Species to grow. All this is done for Oregon's Economic Development and many of them are now Bank owned. Our legal requirements of our land owners must require them to be Stewards of the Land for future generations of Oregonian's. Oregon is going to need it's trees to help grow our future generations. Oregon can not keep sending our trees overseas. Oregon Tree need to Stay in the United States. When trees are cut

in Oregon, they should provide jobs in Oregon to cut the lumber. Oregon Forestry policies must be adjusted to include all Oregon Citizen's. I call for the Governor to seriously revisit immediately as to the Forestry Board Structure. Timber Companies should be represented on the Board. But, the Forestry Board is Lopsided. I ask that the Governor bring a balance to the Forestry Board of Commissioners. Let there be a better balance to represent all of Oregon's interests in the Future of Forestry. We are a proud State with a long history of cutting the trees.

Our Forestry Board talks a show of change. Yet, the Forestry Board of Oregon has continued to implemented policies that continue to treat forests as an Agricultural Tree Farm. The Forest is not a Tree Farm. Forests are a dynamic ecosystem. The whole ecosystem management must be applied to all State Agencies. This includes Forestry. The State of Oregon must take a comprehensive, honest and fair scientific approach to Sustainable Forestry. We can not continue to waste taxpayers dollars fixing a broken system the same way that it has been done in the past. How is it that Oregon Forest Trees are treated like weeds to be mowed down like grass? The Forestry Board has every intention of doing business as usual. Maybe it is time for new leadership in Oregon of a better way to practice forestry.

The President of the Forestry Board announced that the 2009 Issue Scan is open for public input. Why were all public concerns of the 2007 Scan ignored. Where are the implement policies? Apparently, the timber industry has the power to influence the Board of Forestry and the ODF staff. Oregon Citizen's have Private Forestry investment groups from all over the world mowing our trees, poisoning our children and our poisoning our drinking water with the use of Pesticides. And, with no consequences for their actions. The Timber and the Agriculture industry continue on a path of violating the Civil Rights of the Citizen's of Oregon. Citizen's of Oregon have the Civil Right to Clean Water, Air and Food. I think what is most disturbing to me is that the Forestry Board is blatantly ignoring the Citizen's of the State of Oregon. Good Policy is base on Good Science.

All Oregon Agencies should be working together to protect all of the Citizen's of Oregon. Our future generations for a Healthy Oregon depends of the decisions that we make now. I have been a Proud Disabled Citizen for 20 years this fall. I have fought my whole life for clean food, water and air. I was poisoned as a child by radiation exposure and almost die. I survived abuse from my father and my first husband. I am a proud cancer survivor, since 19, I am now 54. I have had to learn to walk again after being in a wheel chair from a car accident. It has taken 20 years of fighting for every step. Now, the Doctor tell me I will very likely end back up in the wheel chair. It still seems Strange to me how Life comes back around. After a battery of test my doctor has thinks that I have very early Parkisons. As, Michael Fox has said, "It started with a finger twitch." I just work hard everyday to limit my exposure to chemicals and pray he is wrong. I am trying hard to do more volunteer work.

I have attached several documents from various sources and have provided several link to important articles. Please review them and enter them into evidence.

[Forestry Herbicides Threaten CA Forest and Native Cultures](#)

[Global Pesticide Treaty](#)

[Fresh scent may hide toxic secret](#)

[Drinking water contaminated with Pharmaceutcial waste](#)

[Bacteria creates Superbug in Waste Water Treatment Plants](#)

[World Wide Water Education](#)

[Health First](#)

Here in Waldport, there is a Grassroots organization called CRASH. Citizen's Rejecting All Spraying of Herbicides. This all started over the application of herbicides to the forest lands above a heavily protected area of the Lint Slough. This is one of the few areas that have been identified in Lincoln County since 1976, as critically important to fish and birds. There has already been a substantial amount to Taxpayers dollars invested to help Restoration of Lint Slough.

How is it that a Timber investment company from out of state has more rights, than the Citizen's that live, work and play here. We drink the water and eat the fish. Our children go to school very close to Lint Slough. They used to look a forest from their classroom windows. Now, they look at stumps, chemicals kill the plants and then they breathe the pesticide contaminated smoke that hung over the Town of Waldport for days. No wonder so many of us get sick with lung problems after a slash burn.

The Oregon Forestry Board Policies have Ignored the Civil Rights of the Majority of Citizen's of Oregon for far too long. We, the Citizen's feel Strongly about the Chemical Poisoning of our Citizen's. I am asking that the Governor find Solutions to Good Science Being Ignored a by the Oregon Forestry Board. How many other Oregon government agencies are ignoring Good Sound Scientific Research. I have seen several Oregon House and Senate Bill that are a waste of taxpayers money. Because, sound research has already proven that something's just don't work. For instance, Forcing ODFW to put Fish Boxes on the Rogue River is a waste of taxpayers money. There is good solid science that fish boxes do not work. Habitat recovery is what current Science shows works for the recovery of all species including Humans. The Citizen's of Oregon are tired of ineffective Board of Commissioners that just ignore at will the Voice of the Citizen's. We must find a better way to cooperate together with Common Goals. Does any of the Forestry Board of Commissioners have a sick child in the family?

When is the last time you took a drive in our forest? I did this last wonderful Sunday. It was very relaxing to "Re-Creation in the Forest" not drive through a Tree Farm.

Please consider Every Citizen's Civil Rights in the Decision Making of the Future Management of Oregon. It is critical to all generations now and in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of this complicated issue.

Sincerely,

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Issue Description: Herbicide use in our watersheds is one of my main concerns...

In the Willamette R. drainage thousands of people rely on the river for drinking water. How can we stop or reduce using herbicide on the timberlands so people like me don't get cancer from the herbicide (and the white paper mills).

Especially the dioxin containing ones.

Carcinogens being put on our watershed is not acceptable.

Management of new plantings / site preparation like controlled burning and spot spraying could help. More emphasis could be on waiting for the dry weather so herbicide stays out of waterways. Can we use other chemicals with less harmful affects?

Many plants will die from being sprayed with vinegar, for example.

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I am writing on behalf of Plum Creek Timber Company to provide brief input on what we believe are the most important forest-related issues in Oregon today, and what the Board's priorities should be. Our thoughts on this are guided by the current economic conditions and the extremely difficult times that face the forest products industry.

There are two areas we believe deserve the full attention of the Board of Forestry. First, the public needs reassurance that the Forest Practices Act is being implemented and public resources are being protected on private forestland. Second, there needs to be adequate funding and the infrastructure to protect Oregon's forests from devastation by wildfire.

When the economy improves, there will be time to revisit the Forestry Program for Oregon and update the associated work plans and indicators. Plum Creek will gladly participate more fully at that time.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Joel Nelson

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Issue Description: Protecting Oregonians and our native fish from pesticide exposure should be a top priority for ODF. Governor Kulongoski has made toxics use reduction one of his four top priorities and has directed all state agencies to take actions that reduce the use of toxic chemicals.

We urge the BOF to reallocate resources for the following purposes:

1. Do a thorough scientific literature review of herbicide impacts on wildlife, particularly aquatic species.
2. Do water quality sampling in primary small streams - tributaries following aerial herbicide applications, particularly after rain events.
3. Ban the use of herbicides that are a known or suspected carcinogen, neurotoxin, mutagen or endocrine disruptor.
4. Create and implement a plan to comply with the Governor's directive to reduce toxics and set goals and benchmarks that measure how ODF is improving forest health and water quality by reducing the types and amounts of highly toxic pesticides.

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Growing Value from Exceptional Resources

Date: 5/22/09

Pages: 3 (including Cover Page)

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Comments:

Here are my comments that I would like  
to submit to the 2009 Board of Forestry Issue Sign.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions  
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Thank You,

Shawn Arkins

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## Possible Change to Leave Tree Rule Guidance: Leave Tree Bank Concept

Proposed by: Shaun Harkins, Southwest Regional Forest Practices Committee Member

Submitted to: 2009 Board of Forestry Issue Scan

The **Wildlife Bank Area (WBA)** or **Leave Tree Bank Area (LTBA)** concept requires a set aside area larger than 2 acres designated for wildlife or leave tree areas. Preservation of larger areas would promote more wildlife use and allow leave trees to be left for multiple units in a group. This concept would connect riparian areas to uplands and allow for wildlife travel corridors.

Application of this process would involve landowners entering into agreements with the State of Oregon or other third parties. Landowners would agree to forego timber harvest and allow the trees to grow and die through natural processes for a specified time period. A cruise would be needed to determine tree species, trees per acre, total volume, and diameter distribution. Once completed an appraisal would be needed to determine value. The landowner could then sell this value to another party or multiple parties for either a WBA or a LTBA or use for themselves. This concept would be similar to conservation easements, carbon credit trading, and wetland mitigation banking.

The guidance for (ORS 527.676) states that wildlife leave trees must be left adjacent to or in close proximity to the harvest unit and on the same ownership. This practice has lead landowners to place most, or all of the wildlife leave trees in riparian management areas. In large block ownership wildlife leave trees are typically left in small 1.5 or 2 acre patches of mature timber. This practice leaves small islands which resemble dots on the landscape. Wildlife use in these areas is limited and they are prone to blow down. The guidance states the reasoning for placing wildlife leave trees and downed wood throughout the landscape is to support well-distributed populations of wildlife dependent upon these habitat components. To clump the elements from two or more units into one consolidated area may lead to a lesser level of protection according to the guidance. This reasoning may be flawed.

If the guidance for this rule was changed to allow wildlife leave trees to be located in groups, such as a WBA's or LTBA's then wildlife use and diversity may increase with larger acreage set aside over time. Landowners can currently apply for an alternative practice to clump wildlife leave trees together for multiple units; however alternative practices require ODF to consult with

ODFW and other agencies for approval. Alternative practices require prior approval from the State Forester through a written plan and must include assurances that address future entries or property sales so that the agreed-upon components remain on site over time.

In order for the WBA or LTBA concept to work, the guidance should be changed. The WBA/LTBA concept should be treated as a normal best management practice, not an alternative practice. This concept would resolve multiple issues such as family forest fragmentation, landslide mitigation, ease of application on the ground, and an efficient process.

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Issue Description: As a long-time resident of Oregon (since 1948), I am writing to express my concern at the increasing incidence of forestry pesticide sprays, especially aerial sprays, in areas abutting rural residences and even urban areas. As the timber resource becomes depleted in remote areas, logging operations are moving closer to populated areas, exposing residents against their will to pesticide drift and smoke from slash-burning containing toxic ingredients.

I live within the city limits of Waldport, yet a logging site not 1/3 mile from my home and neighborhood is slated for repeated applications of herbicides as site preparation for replanting and brush control into the indefinite future. Forest Capital Partners, who own the property, have said that due to community, city, port, and county concerns about their plan for aerial spraying in this extremely sensitive area, their "intent" is now to do ground applications instead, beginning this July or August.

We collected approximately 200 signatures in our Waldport neighborhood asking that they reconsider the use of helicopters to spray this site. We were concerned about the health of the many children in the immediate neighborhood, the elderly and people with asthma, as well as of our pets and gardens. The company has already sprayed with helicopters a site to the south just across the street from the Crestview elementary and middle schools that serve all of South Lincoln County. Additionally, the Waldport city water treatment facility is located adjacent to the logging site, with a large open sediment basin. About eight properties directly abut the site, including a horse-breeding operation and an organic nursery. This steep 120-acre hillside site also abuts Lint Creek, a protected salmon-bearing stream feeding into Alsea Bay. Runoff of pesticide into the stream is inevitable, as several gullies indicate.

In discussing this situation with the FCP area forester and with the State Forestry staff in Toledo, we were told repeatedly that "it's the law," that ours is not a "smoke-sensitive receptor area," and that "this is just standard practice." I submit that these standard practices must be modified now that there is a close interface between logging operations and vulnerable populations.

For your information, I refer you to:

Spray Drift of Pesticides

Current as of: December 1999 EPA: 735F99024

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/spraydrift.htm>

Alaska Community Action on Toxics:

<http://www.akaction.org/PDFs/axnalert.pdf>

The Synergistic Toxicity of Pesticide Mixtures: Implications for Risk Assessment and the Conservation of Endangered Pacific Salmon

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Issue Description: It seems no one in charge of state or national forests gives a rat's ass about contaminating our forests with herbicides. Many compounds used by the USFS and BLM are known to cause cancer and or birth defects. I have looked for, but have not found any studies of area wells and how much herbicides have trickled down into them, let alone how these herbicides cause many illnesses including cancer and birth defects.

About three years ago, Josephine County and the Oregon Department of Forestry came out to Lake Selmac and sprayed toxic herbicides on vegetation to keep it from coming back, after clearing the forest surface of unwanted small trees, such as madrone and oak. My daughter, who was visiting from North Carolina and my wife became ill after walking through the park, not knowing it had been sprayed with an atrazine-like compound a day before. When I walked through the park a few days later, I could still smell a putrid odor throughout the park.

The contamination our beauracracies are committing on our nation in the name of a few bucks should be illegal! Stop the use of herbicides!

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Issue Description: This issue has been an issue for far too long. A public agency should be making decisions based on the best available science. There needs to be a transparent, independent, unbiased search of professional and credible research on forestry herbicides, their modes of transport through the environment, their effect on human health, on fish, and on the environment in general. Good policy is based on good science.

Please, just do it.

May 16, 2009

## The State of our Forests:

Sometimes I see more experts than boots on the ground, on Federal and State-local levels.

It's a problem of how to hire - how to pay? If we have youth do it, they must be insured and taught safety habits.

It seems our climate may be getting hotter and drier? If so, we're going to see a lot more of Oregon burn. For instance, I have seedling sugar pine I planted 10 years ago, here on my tree farm at 5000' elevation, and they are starting slow; but alive and growing.

The dominant species is white fir. I have too many. ~~because~~ The property was logged in 1990. I have 1000's of pine, Douglas fir, tamarack. It's almost fine for a commercial thin; and I have valuable logs; but  $\frac{1}{2}$  would be white fir, then a lot of clear up.

White fir is a stately, beautiful tree, that is home to birds and small mammals; but a quick ladder for fire. They dry out to be paper.

And that, friends, is the message

of this letter. Even if we process it to paper, and have no market, it could be stockpiled, rather than burn into an atmosphere experts say is too carbon bearing, getting more so?

Why is there no market for an enhanced paper product, possibly mixing in sage fiber or juniper? Because we use plastic. Plastic, the miracle product, spun of oil. Many people burn it out of ignorance; because it quickly becomes a waste product. It tears or smells, we use it to wrap and throw away refuse.

If we were really looking for alternatives, I would have to suggest these rural areas should be in the paper business. For the same token, salvage logs could also be decked for the future. I would love to design laminated pedestrian bridges - lets use our wood! Maybe that's what press board is? The inferior wood (the cheap product). Driving by Black Butte, west of Sisters, I shake my head that were not salvage logging that dying pine forest.

Thank you,  
Roy McWilliam

Fire season is here, and again, we look at what we didn't do. My property would be vulnerable any year - in a canyon - fuel load all around - old, young, or intermediate, it's all a potential mosaic - or catastrophic, depending on the weather.

What I've done is limit up, and thin; but have set too many white fir go - they are now too big for thinning - too much refuse. I had some piles covered that burned with no problem when surrounded by snow. I'll be working on a pile and tarp it over today; but that thinning refuse will have to sit all summer unburned. I try not to get ahead of myself - all I'll have is that pile, and a pile of two douglas fir that are mistletoe. They can be burned in winter with no problem.

The crux of my letter:

1. Find and manufacture the product
2. Provide the labor
3. Consider Stewardship programs,

allow people to live on the land.

R.J.M.

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Issue Description: All of Oregon's citizens must be treated equally. (Oregon Constitution Art. 1 Sec.1, 20, 33) All of the State Forest's public assets and benefits must be balanced to insure equal benefit for everyone throughout the future while creating jobs and tax revenue from tourism, recreation, fishing, logging, camping, photography, etc., now and in the future.

Forest's carbon sequestration, clean, cool air, and water storage of our public forests must not be squandered to benefit a small group of people over the many users and citizens of the state and local regions. Whether BOF or CSF lands, they are all public lands. Fish and wildlife must not be compromised by department actions. Their habitat is required to be managed so they may benefit everyone in Oregon through wise conservation.

To this end conservation of quality fish and wildlife habitat, headwater springs, seeps and streams must be well forested for protection from winter storms, summer heat, and to maintain biodiversity on the lands and in the soils and waters, controlling climate, flooding, water quality and quantity.

Herbicide and nitrates are harmful to everything and everyone and against the public interest. They must be replaced with partial shade, narrow clearcuts that don't run east to west, and cutting. Clearcuts must be small, but can dot more level landscapes where there is no history or threat of landslides.

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Issue Description: The collapse of the housing industry has resulted in a dramatic decline in demand for timber with devastating impacts on the industry in general and ODF in particular. At the same time the most knowledgeable scientist are saying that climate change is increasing faster than their worse case models. My understanding is that you are seriously considering changing the FMP to decrease complex structure and increase clearcuts. Add to this a near low price for timber, this strikes me as folly. You cannot solve the serious economic woes of ODF and the north Coast on the back of one of our most precious resources, especially during this time of growing global warming. I think you need to get serious about Strategy G (Carbon storage in Oregon's forests and forest products) and move more quickly to take responsible action.

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Issue Description: Strategy E of the Forestry Plan for Oregon is to “Contribute to the conservation of diverse native plant and animal populations and their habitats in Oregon’s forests,” and Action E2 encourages pursuit of a coordinated statewide conservation policy. However, the Department of Forestry did not fully take advantage of the opportunity to engage in the development of Oregon’s wildlife conservation strategy, led by the Department of Wildlife. The Forest Practices Rules continue to address wildlife conservation more as a constraint than as an objective and do so in a very incomplete and fragmented way by dealing with very limited habitat elements, a limited number of special resource sites and listed species.

In order to better implement Strategy E, the Board and Department should pursue opportunities to more fully engage with implementation of the State Wildlife Action Plan, both to more effectively implement a strategic approach to wildlife conservation on forest lands and to gain experience that will help them more effectively engage in revision of action plan in 2011

A more effective and comprehensive approach to the conservation of diverse plant and animal populations and their habitats in Oregon's forests will require greater attention to the development and implementation of policies that either require, reward, or inspire landowners to address biodiversity issues beyond water quality, fish, special resource sites and listed species. There are several incentive programs and tools that are available but under-utilized and largely unfunded, including conservation easements, stewardship agreements, wildlife habitat conservation and management plans and Forest Legacy and others. There are also opportunities to develop programs that assist landowners in securing payments for ecosystem services, as specified in HB 2293 relating to the expansion of the Oregon Forest Resource Trust

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Issue Description: I agree with your mission statement. I support a vision of sustaining healthy forests. Forests here were healthy 200 years ago. We know there were fires, infestations and other natural occurrences. The difference now is massive human intervention within these forests. They include too much logging and pesticide use.

More than 500 words could be written to explain why human forest practices have been responsible for the catastrophic destruction caused by 20th century forest practices.

the vision of a BoF as an impartial body would be a good idea. People with vested interests in profiting from decisions should not be on a Board.

I fully support the general ideas of STRATEGIES D, E, F, and G, but your stated methods for doing that, as listed within those categories are counterproductive. In fact many strategies are reflected in the cognitive dissonance of logging the forest at the same time you protect the forest environment.

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The Freshwater Trust (formerly Oregon Trust and Oregon Water Trust-recently merged) is pleased to respond to your invitation for submissions in the Board of Forestry's 2009 biennial "issue scan". The list that follows is a condensed highlight of issues of particular importance to The Freshwater Trust, in terms of forest management as it relates to aquatic ecosystem conservation and recovery:

F. The Oregon Forest Practices Rules (FPR) lack protection for ephemeral and non-fish bearing streams. Current rules require no retention of any trees to protect these important aquatic systems. Buffering these systems with riparian forest protection is vital to protect water quality and food production for all aquatic biota.