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The Honorable John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
Governor
State of Oregon
254 State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301-4001

Dear Governor Kitzhaber:

I am pleased to inform you that your request for participation in the Forest Legacy program has been approved pursuant to our authority under Section 7 of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 SUC 2103c), as amended.

Fifteen Forest Legacy Areas (FLA) meeting eligibility criteria to achieve these goals and having public support were proposed. They are described and mapped in the Oregon assessment of need. All fifteen areas are hereby instituted as approved FLAs.

We appreciate the work of the employees of the Oregon Department of Forestry, under the leadership of State Forester James E. Brown and the assistance of the Oregon State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee to bring Oregon into the Forest Legacy Program.

Thanks you again for your efforts to join the Forest Legacy Program. Please do not hesitate to contact Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Mark Rey if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann M. Veneman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ann M. Veneman
Secretary