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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Oregon Board of Forestry
Tom Imeson, Chair
2600 State Street
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Re: Siskiyou Streamside Protections

Dear Chair Imeson and Members of the Board,

I am contacting you to express my support for efforts Southern Oregonians are making to protect water quality in the Rogue River. I urge you to give your attention to the information and requests submitted by the Oregon Stream Protection Coalition, Rogue Riverkeeper and other stakeholders regarding Siskiyou Streamside Protections.

Specifically, please consider including the RipStream study, related administrative documents, DEQ stream temperature TMDLs, and associated modeling in your analysis to determine if current forestry practices regulations for small and medium fish streams in the Siskiyou region meet stream temperature water quality objectives and protect water resources as required under ORS 527.714, as well as to support the establishment of best management practices specified in ORS 527.765.

The science is clear that trees create shade and keep streams cooler, and that run-off from the uplands certainly impacts waterways downstream, so we ultimately want to ensure that Board of Forestry rules align with water quality standards in accordance with the Clean Water Act as administered by DEQ.

The Rogue River is the crown jewel of Southern Oregon, contributing to our quality of life,

boosting our regional economy, and supporting critical fish and wildlife. Thank you for giving your strong consideration to the protection of streams and rivers in our region.

Best regards,

Pam Marsh

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cc: Peter Daugherty, Department of Forestry, Director
Richard Whitman, Department of Environmental Quality, Director
Jason Miner, Office of the Governor, Natural Resources Policy Manager