

Committee for Family Forestlands

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Dean Maness;

The Committee for Family Forestlands wishes to acknowledge and to thank you for your leadership since becoming Dean at the College of Forestry. The concrete actions you have taken at the College of Forestry and Forestry & Natural Resources Extension have restored capacity of importance to small landowners. We greatly appreciate your willingness to visit with us to discuss our perspective on educational capacity and other forestry issues and also your efforts to involve us directly in this process with a representative on the search committee for the Starker Chair. Your actions will have a very positive effect on private family forest landowners in Oregon. The steps you are taking support the Committee's interest in helping maintain family forestland in forest cover to provide diverse social, economic and environmental benefits. In particular we can point to the following staffing changes (completed or in progress) as significant:

- Selection of Steve Fitzgerald as Extension Specialist in Silviculture and Director of the College Forests.
- Appointing Dr. Tammy Cushing Starker Assistant Professor of Private & Family Forestry and Extension Specialist in Forest Economics, Management & Policy.
- Appointing Dr. Troy Hall Forest Ecosystems & Society Department Head.
- Completion of interviews for the Collaborative Natural Resource Management Extension Specialist.
- Searches underway to fill Forestry & Natural Resources (FNR) Extension Agent Positions for Central Oregon Region Position in Redmond and South Central Oregon Region Position in Klamath Falls.
- A search underway to fill the Continuing & Professional Education (CPE) Program Manager position.

Once again we thank you for your attention to issues and capacity that affect Oregon's family forest landowners.

Sincerely,

Committee for Family Forestlands

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Craig Shinn, Chair

Handwritten signature of Susan Watkins in black ink.

Susan Watkins, Vice-Chair

cc: Tom Imeson, Chair Oregon Board of Forestry
Oregon Board of Forestry Members
Doug Decker, State Forester
Peter Daugherty, Private Forests Division Chief

The Committee for Family Forestlands is a statutory committee appointed by the Board of Forestry to provide advice and recommendations regarding family forests and includes family forestland owners from different areas of the state, environmental organization and forest industry representatives, a citizen-at-large and ex-officio members representing the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Extension Service, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, the Oregon Small Woodlands Association and logging or forestry consulting interests.