

Dear Board Members:

Tim Josi is to appear before you November 1 to deliver his familiar harangue about Oregon's forests – that they exist primarily to provide fodder for cutting by the interests he represents. Only a relatively small vested group in Oregon thinks that way and Josi is like their poster child. However selfish, they are persistent in trying to pave their way to profit.

That's not how people think where I live. We know that logging is just one of multiple values delivered by our forests. We know our forests are key in providing the fresh, clean water on which Oregonians depend. We know the forests are where salmon fry can grow into smolt, maturing in the estuary before swimming out to sea to continue their cycle of life. We know our forests define Oregon and are essential to our own recreation and to our vigorous visitor industry. We know our forests nurture and harbor countless species, including those it seems Josi would just as soon exterminate.

So hear Josi for what he is - a spokesman for narrow interests, not for Oregon. And not for all us Oregonians who believe in equity, balance and sustainability.

Sincerely,  
Roger Rocka