

Testimony to The Oregon Forestry Board

My Grandfather and Great Grandfather were in the logging business. Itinerant chemists traveling through Oregon, Washington, and Idaho supplying the lumber camps with needed defloculants, lubricants, and solvents. My father owned a hardwood tree farm, of black walnut trees, in Ohio, which paid for my sibling's college educations and me. Once, I was married to a craftsman making elegant furniture. Wood is part of my history and heritage. Which is why I find it important to give testimony today.

When the harvesting of a forest deprives a community of their clean water source, as happened in Rockaway, Oregon. Supplanting the Jetty Creek Watershed, with silt laden, highly chlorinated substitute. Something is out of balance.

A little further down the coast, Oceanside's Water district, fearing the same would happen to them, reached out to the logging company due to cut their forest, and set up a system of monitoring and testing of pesticide applications. Protecting their water source with shut off valves and rerouting from a reservoir at a safe distance away. This project will deliver hard science on what hundreds of people have experienced through their senses, as well as those experiencing health problems from aerial spray applications.

Streams, creeks, and lakes of water districts must be protected, with a setback of at least two hundred feet for stream buffers and protections. They should join the rules for threatened species and salmon bearing streams. The herbicide cocktails which fed the forests needs examination.

Wood is an important necessary commodity, but not at the cost of degrading whole communities of their basic necessities - clean water and clean air.

The Forest Practices Act MUST be modified to increase stream buffers and protect our waterways.

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