

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for allowing me to send you my hopes and wishes for my local forests.

First, I think the State of Oregon and in particular the Department of Forestry need a new business model.

I think it is counterproductive and an oxymoron to educate Oregon children (I live in Seaside) and funding the staff payroll of the Department of Forestry by cutting down trees? Not good. The incentive is all wrong.

What happens when you chop down the last tree? Shut down the Department of Forestry and tell the timber companies they are out of a job?

I would gladly encourage my Representatives in Oregon to fund the payroll of the Department and school district out of the general funds.

There are ways to have a sustainable forests that the timber companies can make money from and still have a future.

And secondly, I have this parting word or two words: climate change. All of us suffer now and will suffer in the future from climate change. Not only those who love our forests as I do everyone - including you and your children. We need big healthy trees to cleanse our air.

Whole areas, chains of acres of good forests, that protect clean streams and rivers and wildlife, need to be set aside in reserves for the future of our planet.

Isn't is cheaper to have healthy productive forests than fight forests fires, rather than lose our homes and our health from poorly management forest (and toxic spraying)?

I wish you the best in making wise decisions. I will always vote for the trees.

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