

To The Oregon Board of Forestry:

I can not attend the meeting in Salem tomorrow, but would like to offer the following testimony regarding the The Forest Management Plan.

ODF has attempted to maintain a balanced approach to forestry for over twenty years. Taking away from the forest, but not destroying its ability to regenerate and recognizing the rights of the wildlife, birds, animals, fish and amphibians that inhabit the forest, to also recognize humans have the right to enjoy the forests. Future generations of Oregonians should also be able to experience and appreciate our forests.

The ODF website boasts its mission statement: "Growing and Protecting Oregon Forests for the Many Benefits They Provide."

It appears financial pressures in the last few years have shifted this focus. Timber revenue seems to be the focus. Beyond the lawsuit, the timber industry is not contributing taxes for state and county expenses! The counties and ODF need money for vital services.....

I do not believe the solution is to log more! A fast profit means, annihilating our forests and all the protected and non protected species that live there. It would be disastrous for the future of our state's eco system, fresh water and quality of life!

Please explore other avenues for revenue, think outside the box! My grandchildren and their children should be able to enjoy our amazing, beautiful living forests like we are able to do now!

You hold the power to shape our beautiful state! Please, take the value of our eco system to heart and mind, continue to : "grow and Protect Oregon Forests for the Many Benefits They Provide."

Thank you,

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