

Hi, Chair Imeson, State Forester Daugherty, and members of the board,

For the record my name is Anna Yarbrough and I'm a professional forester. I've worked for two different forestry companies in Oregon and recently started my own small business as a forestry consultant. My husband and I are both proud graduates of the OSU College of Forestry. We both enjoyed our experiences at OSU, studying the forests of Oregon. One of the cornerstone principals of our education, and frankly, our profession, is grounding everything we do in science. Science is fundamental to forest health and the sustainable outcomes we produce by way of clean water, clean air, wildlife habitat and renewable building materials. Our industry is fascinating, the natural world is fascinating, and having the opportunity to work in and care for forests in Oregon, while providing sustainable products for the world is a reward in and of itself.

I have personally implemented the current stream rules in the field, and I see them working every day. Through my own experience and countless testimonials from good operators and foresters I work with, I know the forestry community complies highly with the FPA rules. In fact, the most recent audit confirmed our industry complies with 98% accuracy to the FPA rules. Those of us in the field recognize that the FPA rules are based in science and more than that, we **know** they are the right thing to do. We see the benefits every day, from clean water to fish passable culverts and bridges, we are proud of the work we do to protect resources in the field.

I was drawn to choosing a career path in the forest industry for its beautiful "office", environmentally conscience and sustainable practices, and its ability to support rural Oregonians all while producing sustainable products. I grew up in the woods – my family owns forestland and some of my best memories have been made in the woods. Like so many of my colleagues, forestry is more than just a profession for me – it's a way of life. I'm a true environmentalist, an avid outdoor recreationalist, angler, hunter, and mother raising my family in the woods as often as possible. I want my son to have the same experiences in the woods growing up that I did. Harvest units are a great place to recreate, hunt, and fish – I see the clear, cold water produced by the riparian rules all the time, professionally and personally.

I can assure you that those of us whose livelihoods and families depend on our forests are in this for the long haul, for this generation and our kids and grandkids. The outcomes produced by the forests we manage would not be possible without science to back up our practices. We must keep forestry practices **and laws** tied tightly to science. I urge you to hold off from making hasty decisions. Take the time to do the research, and then make an informed decision.

Handwritten signature of Anna Yarbrough in black ink.