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Email Subject: Southern Oregon riparian buffers

Dear Board of Forestry Chair Imeson,

I am an Oregon resident and a professor emeritus of biology and environmental studies at the University of Oregon.

A couple of years ago, I advised an honor's college student whose thesis compared forestry practices in Oregon, Washington, and California. Her conclusions were that Oregon's stream protections were deficient in comparison to our neighbors. Southern Oregon streams should have at least as much protection as those in the rest of the state. Indeed, one could argue that southern streams should have even great buffers and restrictions.

Please strengthen the Oregon Forest Practices Act to include more protective stream buffers on our important southern Oregon streams and rivers.

Sincerely,

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