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Email Campaign Message: Increase riparian protections for Southern Oregon streams

Dear Board of Forestry Chair Imeson,

Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. I urge the Board to take action at its June 5 meeting to move forward a rule-making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways.

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Additional Information Submitted with Campaign Message:

To borrow from Mark Twain: Guard and protect our National Parks, Forests, Monuments and ALL wild lands, lakes, oceans and waterways. They are not being made anymore...

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I went all the way to Patagonian to fly fish and realized what a jewel Oregon rivers are. Please protect All of Oregon's rivers for my grandchildren and the future. Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. I urge the Board to take action at its June 5 meeting to move forward a rule-making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways.

Karen Erde, 4262 SE Belmont St Apt 306 Portland OR 97215, karen.erde@gmail.com

Hey! What is with you people! There should not be one set of logging laws for the north part of Oregon and no setback laws for the southern part of Oregon. Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. I urge the Board to take action at its June 5 meeting to move forward a rule-making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways. Southern Oregon is home to many iconic fish species including salmon and steelhead. These species require cold, clean water to thrive and develop resiliency to long-term impacts such as climate change. The science is clear that removing trees near streams results in warmer stream temperatures and increased sedimentation which is harmful to sensitive fish habitat. I urge you to move forward with a rulemaking process to improve stream buffer protections for southern Oregon streams under the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

Duncan Kerst, 1933 SE 32nd Pl Portland OR 97214, rdkerst@gmail.com

Strengthen stream buffer standards! When streams have insufficient riparian buffers, both the streams and their wildlife, including fish, suffer serious, often irreparable damages. I urge the Board to take action at its June 5 meeting to move forward a rule-making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways. Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. Southern Oregon is home to many iconic fish species including salmon and steelhead. These species require cold, clean water to thrive and develop resiliency to long-term impacts such as climate change. The science is clear that removing trees near streams results in warmer stream temperatures and increased sedimentation which is harmful to sensitive fish habitat. I urge you to move forward with a rulemaking process to improve stream buffer protections for southern Oregon streams under the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

William Evenson, 4792 NW Virginia Pl Corvallis OR 97330, bill@evenson.ch

After recently attending several lectures about riparian zone affects on invertebrates' and Salmonids' spawning and rearing habitat, I've become more invested in protecting Oregon's waterways. I believe that the current stream buffer zone is minimal on private timberlands in southern Oregon, and legislation could greatly reduce alterations to nutrient dynamics in streams by increasing the riparian corridors. I urge you to move forward with a rulemaking process to improve stream buffer protections for southern Oregon streams under the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

Benjamin Freiberg, 428 NW 26th St Corvallis OR 97330, benfreiberg@gmail.com

I have been fortunate in my life to have grown up fishing the Deschutes above Maupin before jet boats came along, when you could go up river and not see anyone for three days, to have worked several summers on the North Umpqua above Toketee Falls where I could go fishing every evening after work, to have worked in Alaska and been able to go fishing in Wood-Tikchik lake system and surrounding areas for the cost of gas, I have back packed in the Bear Tooth and fished for Yellowstone cutthroat on a lake every one hiked by without realizing what a fabulous fishing lake they were walking by. There have been many more creeks, rivers, lakes that I have gotten to fish in Oregon, California, B.C., Wyoming or just hike and enjoy the scenery. I want these places preserved for future generations to enjoy and have the same opportunities I've had.

Maxwell Klare, 330 N A St Condon OR 97823, mjklare@ortelco.net

I'm an avid fisherman and I'm very concerned that Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Bruce Williams, 601 Seabird Dr SW Bandon OR 97411, bewilliams16@gmail.com

I am fortunate to live on the Elk River, which has little to no logging, in its watershed. I watch clean, cold, clear water flow past my house every day. Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands.

Monte Matheson, 94505 Elk River Rd Port Orford OR 97465, montemath@charter.net

I'm a native Oregonian and fisherman.

Peter Murray, PO Box 252 Redmond OR 97756, murrayp@bendnet.com

Please don't rob me, my countrymen or any of our future generations of the possibility of experiencing the unique southern Oregon fisheries.

Tobias Moore, 240 14th St NE Salem OR 97301, moortobi@isu.edu

The waterways in Oregon should be protected from all potential harm. There should be no exclusions.

Steven Levine, 9335 SW Coral St Tigard, OR 97223, sp_levine@msn.com

Please protect our most valuable Southern Oregon streams As an angler and outdoor lover, I want to express the importance of protecting the riparian areas of our most valuable streams in Southern Oregon. I urge the Board to take action at its June 5 meeting to move forward a rule-making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways.

James Cox, 0270 SW Palatine Hill Rd Portland OR 97219, jameswcox@comcast.net

We all know that logging operations will do all they can to maximize profits without regard to doing what's best for clean water, salmon, steelhead, or trout. What I've seen left as riparian areas on the Upper Siletz River are a joke. Have we not learned anything from the bad old days of logging?

Ron Spies, 3640 Rocky Creek Ave Depoe Bay OR 97341, bassmanron57@yahoo.com

Oregon's people, forests, fish and wildlife deserve better.

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This is a sacred place to SO many that have experienced it. Please be conscious in maintaining that for the next generations!

Phil Kirkland, 2265 NW Johnson St Portland OR 97210, phillipkirkland87@gmail.com

We have precious few years on this green earth to effect change for the better. You have such an opportunity now to make that change. Your children, grandchildren, and your future generations are counting on you to make the right choice.

Dean Tilles, 5632 NE 35th Pl Portland OR 97211, dhtilles@yahoo.com

Why are there different standards across Oregon? According to TU, Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. As a TU member I urge the Board to take action at its June 5 meeting to move forward a rule-making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways.

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The fish that live Oregon's waters are one of the main reasons I moved here and another of the many reasons I am proud to live here and consider myself an Oregonian. Why wouldn't we do everything we could to protect the native species and their ecosystems that have thrived here for thousands of years. Once these areas are gone or altered the damage is permanent. Our natural resources and heritages are under enough pressure, I urge you to move forward with a rulemaking process to improve stream buffer protections for southern Oregon streams under the Oregon Forest Practices Act

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