

I live in Nehalem on the North Oregon Coast. On the coast, it breaks your heart to drive around and witness on a daily basis the destruction of Oregon's natural, healthy forests. On the coast there are no longer any long rolling vistas of lovely multi-layered forest canopy. On the coast, the water that feeds our watersheds has often been poisoned, carries silt into salmon habitat, or has dried up, indeed the drinking water sources of many people on the coast have been destroyed.

If you walk up into one of these logging blasts, you notice most of all, the silence. The water has been diverted who knows where, the animals have fled, the birds have left for healthy homes, and it is hot! Much too hot for regrowth, too hot to shade water for salmon, too hot to drink.

As a board, isn't it time for you to change the Oregon Forest Practices Act to bring forest management standards at least up to the levels of Washington and California? Oregon used to be known as a 'green' state. No longer.

Current science on the best way to manage forests sustainably is to leave buffers around water of any size, and to leave many more trees for regeneration than are currently allowed to survive. Our salmon, our tourist and fishing industries, and our drinking water sources need you to do the right thing- protect them from greed and the completely unsustainable practices of the companies presently logging our forests.

Thank you,

Glenna Gray

Nehalem.

July 24, 19 #1 Glenna Gray Birds Falls

