

TESTIMONY FROM JAY HALADAY ON THE PROPOSED NORRISTON HEIGHTS TIMBER SALE  
JULY 24, 2019  
OREGON BOARD OF FORESTRY

Thank you for providing the forum for me to discuss the proposed ODF Norriston Heights timber sale with you.

ODF has made a decision to sell the timber rights to a 77 acre parcel of land known as Norriston Heights. My testimony here follows the email I sent to the Board on July 7, 2019. Some of my similarly situated neighbors will be testifying this afternoon at the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee. We are asking that the implementation of this decision, and the upcoming timber auction, be postponed for 12 months.

The parcel in question is adjacent to Highway 101, between Arcadia State Park and Hug Point State park. These parks are heavily used by Oregonians and out of state visitors. This land, and area around it, are known by Travel Oregon as one of Oregon's 7 Natural Wonders. ODF estimates it will generate approximately \$1M in revenue in a timber auction.

Despite the statements on the department's website about openness, inclusion, and transparency, this decision was announced as a press release through an obscure State web portal. To be informed about this decision on its release a citizen would need to sign up for every email notice from every State agency.

I am a property owner immediately west of this proposed sale and clear cut. Despite the fact that this decision could make generational changes to the environmental balance of the area, cause landslides onto Hwy 101 and my property, become a scar on the landscape for several generations, and potentially damage the sole source of water for our property (and those of our neighbors), ODF did not contact me until a July 18<sup>th</sup> phone call from the Astoria office. The individual making the call said they wanted to get together to hear my concerns and were informed of my interest because emails from me on this topic were forwarded to him for action. I have not heard from him since.

The public comment period for the Norriston Height's timber sale decision closed on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Even though my wife and I are listed as the property owners and have state granted water rights, we did not hear about this decision until we were contacted, third hand, by a neighbor on June 30. At a neighborhood meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> we learned of the extent and potential negative impact of this decision on ourselves, our neighborhood and the nearby communities.

What went wrong? Why were we not contacted? Where is the public outreach ODF wants to be known for? Someone has been present on my property every day for the past two years. Why didn't someone come by with a notice? This is not just my experience, but similar to the experience of over 20 of our neighbors. We have not seen any of the studies, fieldwork and documents backing the decisions of the ODF staff and yet a potential timber auction could be in the offing over the coming months. Given their poor performance in researching significantly

impacted stakeholders and utterly failing to connect with us and include our views in their work to-date, why should we have confidence in anything the ODF staff puts forward as justification that their decisions will not have significant long term negative impacts to the surrounding coastal community?

We are asking that the implementation of this decision, and the upcoming timber auction, be postponed for 12 months. This would allow us to obtain relevant information, digest it and provide meaningful and collaborative feedback. To that end, I have retained legal counsel to request all publicly available information on this sale. Additionally, we have engaged a media consultant to insure there is open dialog on this important issue.

Before I retired, I ran one of the largest private software businesses in Oregon. I was a member and reported to my board of directors. To be successful, any board needed to provide their organization a clear mission and have feedback mechanisms to ensure strong execution. From what I have seen of ODF's outreach, the execution on the Norriston Heights timber sale falls considerably short of what I would expect if I were serving in your capacity.

Thank you for your time. We hope you give careful consideration to our request.

Sincerely,

Jay & Renee Haladay

# FORESTRY DEPARTMENT INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ON STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

News Release from **Oregon Dept. of Forestry**  
*Posted on FlashAlert: March 18th, 2019 8:00 AM*

Salem, Ore. -- The Oregon Department of Forestry is inviting public comment on planned projects, timber sales and other management activities in state-owned forests in fiscal year 2020.

Starting today, March 18, through 5 p.m. on May 2, 2019, Oregonians can weigh in on draft Annual Operations Plans (AOPs) for state forests, which lay out on-the-ground activities expected to take place in the coming fiscal year. State forests by law must provide economic, environmental and social benefits to Oregonians, and are managed under long-range Forest Management Plans and Implementation Plans. Annual Operations Plans implement activities towards goals and strategies laid out in these longer-range plans. The draft AOP summary documents can be viewed online at <https://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Working/Pages/StateForests.aspx> and are also available at district offices upon request.

Common topics included in an Annual Operations Plan include:

- Timber harvest operations
- Recreation improvement and maintenance projects
- Forest road construction, maintenance, and improvements
- Reforestation/replanting and young stand management activities
- Habitat improvement for native species
- Invasive species management

The most useful input speaks to these specific activities and whether they are consistent with longer-range plans, offers suggestions to improve efficiency or effectiveness, corrects errors, provides additional information, and is solution-oriented, understanding that state forests are working forests and by law must provide a variety of economic, environmental and social benefits. Activities that affect fish and wildlife habitat are reviewed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, while operations that may influence threatened and endangered species are shared with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

ODF is offering several convenient avenues to comment on AOPs:

- An online survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6YVN2RC>
- Online comments are also received through ODF's comments page: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/AboutODF/Pages/Comment.aspx>
- Comments can also be mailed to ODF Public Affairs, 2600 State St., Salem, OR 97310.

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## Pre-Operations Report

Operation Name: Norriston Heights

Tax Code(s): 10-2 82%  
10-12 18%

County (%): Clatsop

BOF%: 100 CSL%:

Elevation: 123-495 feet

Sale Quarter: 1

Legal Description: Portions of Sections 7 and 18 of T4N, R10W.

### I. VOLUME AND VALUE SUMMARY

Table 1. Types, Acres, and Value

Unit	Harvest Type	Anticipated Product <sup>3</sup>	Gross Acres	Net Acres	MBF/Acre <sup>1</sup>	MBF/Unit <sup>1</sup>	\$ / MBF <sup>2</sup>	\$ / Unit
1	MC	WH-S, SS-M	88	77	34	2,618	\$375	\$981,750
Total		Regeneration	88	77		2,618		
		Partial Cut						
Gross Value								\$981,750
Project Costs								\$43,200
Net Value								\$938,550

1. Estimated harvest volume per acre for Unit.

2. Estimated 'price' (excluding Project Costs)

3. Anticipated Product (AA-B-C) – AA) SLI species code of the bid species, B) Size Class (S – small [average DBH < 15], M – medium [average DBH 15 to 23], L – large (average DBH > 23)), C) Special Product (P – Premium, H – Hardwood)

### II. CURRENT STAND CONDITION:

Table 2. Stand Inventory Information

Unit	Stand ID	Measured /Imputed <sup>1</sup>	Species	Age	TPA	DBH	BA	SDI	Net Acres <sup>2</sup>
1	24157	M	WH,SS	68	260	14	276	74%	77

1. Identify the source of stand inventory information. Use the following codes: M = Measured SLI data, I = Imputed SLI data, P = Pre-Cruise Plots, O = other (if other, describe below).

2. Net Acres have been rounded to the nearest whole acre in this table. Stand that comprise less than one acre of a harvest unit are not reported in this table, so the total "Net Acres" per unit in this table may not equal the total "Net Acres" per unit in table 1.

Table 3. Additional Stand Information

Unit	Stand ID	Snags/Acre <sup>1</sup>	Down Wood/Acre <sup>2</sup>	Forest Health		
				SNC	Phellinus	other <sup>3</sup>
1	24157	18	75	X		Dwarf Mistletoe

1. Identify the number of hard snags per acre (decay classes 1 and 2)

2. Identify the cubic feet per acre of hard down wood (decay classes 1 and 2)

3. Describe "Other" forest health issue.

### III. WILDLIFE AND T&E SPECIES CONSIDERATIONS:

Foresters need to read the Biological Survey Tracking Form (BSTF) prior to sale layout in order to ensure all T&E related information is understood. (See the T&E Coordinator or Biologist for the BSTF.)

1. A portion of the operation is within (Check all that apply):

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- TAS     NSO Circle or Home Range, or Baseline Thiessen (BA required)  
 MMMA (BA required)     None
2. Are Surveys for NSO being conducted for any portion of this operation?  
 Yes     No     Density surveys
3. Are Surveys for MM being conducted for any portion of this operation?  
 Yes     No     Systematic Survey Zone     N/A
4. Are there any additional considerations (FPA Resource Sites, Species of Concern sites/Plants [from ORBIC<sup>1</sup>], big game habitat/management, other)?  
 No     Yes, please describe:

**IV. DESIRED FUTURE CONDITION AND PRESCRIPTION:**

**Table 4. Stand Structure Information**

Unit	Stand ID	Current	Desired Future	Net Acres <sup>1</sup>
1	24157	LYR	GEN	77

1. Net Acres have been rounded to the nearest whole acre in this table. Stand that comprise less than one acre of a harvest unit are not reported in this table, so the total "Net Acres" per unit in this table may not equal the total "Net Acres" per unit in table 1.

**Table 5. Partial Cut Prescription (Complete only for Partial Cut Harvests)**

Unit	Harvest Type	Harvest Species	Residual			
			Species	TPA	BA	% SDI
	Choose an item.					

*(If the operation is a modified clearcut, DON'T delete the table, just don't fill it out.)*

*(For DFC Complex stands, stands within a TAS, NSO circle, home range or Baseline Thiessen BA, or MMMA describe previous stand management, vision statement, prescription and how it ties into species of concern/NSO/MMMA strategies where applicable. This information does not need to be included if the operation is a modified clearcut, unless you feel it would be beneficial to the resource specialist review.)*

*(This section would provide information needed by biologists to assist in preparing a BA or to see how the prescription/plan for the sale ties into TAS/SOC policies or how it moves the stand towards DFC complex.)*

**V. HARVESTING AND ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS:**

**Table 6. Harvest System and Access Summary**

Unit	Harvest System		Slope (%)	Area Access	Seasonal Access
	% Cable	% Ground			
1	40	60	35-65	Established	All Weather

1. Haul Route (list roads to be used for this operation)  
 HP 20 to Hug Point Road to Hwy 101
2. Haul Route Condition (Describe specific considerations for this route, such as: seasonal restrictions, load restrictions, surface condition, truck turn arounds, recreation sites, etc.):  
 This sale and haul route is near the communities of Cannon Beach and Arch Cape, haul routes are utilized by general public for recreation. Hug Point Road is on private property.
3. Adjacent Operations (Describe operations planned or sold that may be using the road concurrently or will be conducting road maintenance/improvement projects):

<sup>1</sup> Oregon Biodiversity Information Center  
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N/A

4. Are easements required for the haul route?  Yes  No

If "yes", list the existing easement numbers, specific road use provisions or fees and/or describe easements that need to be obtained.

Hug Point and Hug Point 20 Easement (#311.04613) by and between the State of Oregon, Board of Forestry, Onion Peak LLC and Lewis and Clark Timberlands LLC. Requires insurance and road maintenance.

**Table 7. Transportation Management Summary (Miles)**

Activity	Mainline	Collector	Rocked Spur	Dirt Spur
Construct				
Improve		1.6	1.1	
Maintain		2.9	0.8	
Block (Dormant)				
Vacate				
Stream Crossings				
Type F				
Type N				

5. Rock Sources for this operation: Crushed rock for the road improvement projects for this operation will be obtained from the Hug Point Stockpiles. The rock for log hauling road maintenance will need to be purchased from a commercial source.
6. Are property line surveys required for this operation?  Yes  No  
 If "yes", describe the lines to be surveyed, type of survey (i.e. section subdivision, refresh previously established line, etc.), miles of line to be surveyed, and how the survey will be accomplished (i.e. ODF staff, contractor).  
 Refresh previously established lines during timber sale layout.

**VI. AQUATIC RESOURCES:**

1. Operating within the Inner Zone of a Type F stream?  No  Yes, describe the goal and prescription within this zone:
2. Do any streams need fish presence surveys?  No  Yes
3. Are there H.E.R./P.D.F.T streams present?  No  Yes
4. Is a portion of the operation within an Aquatic Anchor?  No  Yes, name:
5. Are any streams classified as Domestic Water Use (FPA definition)?  No  Yes, describe protection measures:  
 There are domestic water use sites on streams below the sale area, sites will be buffered as per FPA and FMP rules and policies.
6. Is there a Stream Enhancement Project planned?  No  Yes, please describe:

**VII. SLOPE STABILITY ISSUES:**

1. Has sale been reviewed by Area Geotechnical Specialist?  Yes  No
2. Does the Geotechnical Specialist require any additional review during sale layout  No  Yes, please describe:

Area 1: needs further consulting with the Geotechnical Specialist.

**VIII. RECREATION RESOURCES:**

Recreation issues/coordination:  No  Yes, please describe:  
May be public pedestrian use on Hug Point Road.

**IX. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES:**

- 1. Has the sale been reviewed by a qualified archaeologist for potential historic or cultural resource presence?  
 Yes  No
- 2. Have any resources been identified that need consideration?  No  Yes, please describe:

**X. SCENIC RESOURCES:**

Are there scenic resources in the vicinity of this operation that need additional consideration?  No  Yes, please describe:

Sale is adjacent to Hwy 101, near the community of Arch Cape the Scenic highway buffer rules will be applied.

**XI. OTHER RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS:**

- 1. Has a review of the FLMCS layer determined that any resources not mentioned in the report above need additional planning?  No  Yes, describe below

Buffers for State Scenic Highway designation and domestic water use sites will be applied.

- 2. Are there any other resources present that need additional consideration?  No  Yes, please describe:

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Portions of Sections 7 and 18,  
T4N, R10W, W.M.,  
Clatsop County, Oregon.

Area 1 (MC) = 77 Acres

Total MC Acres = 77

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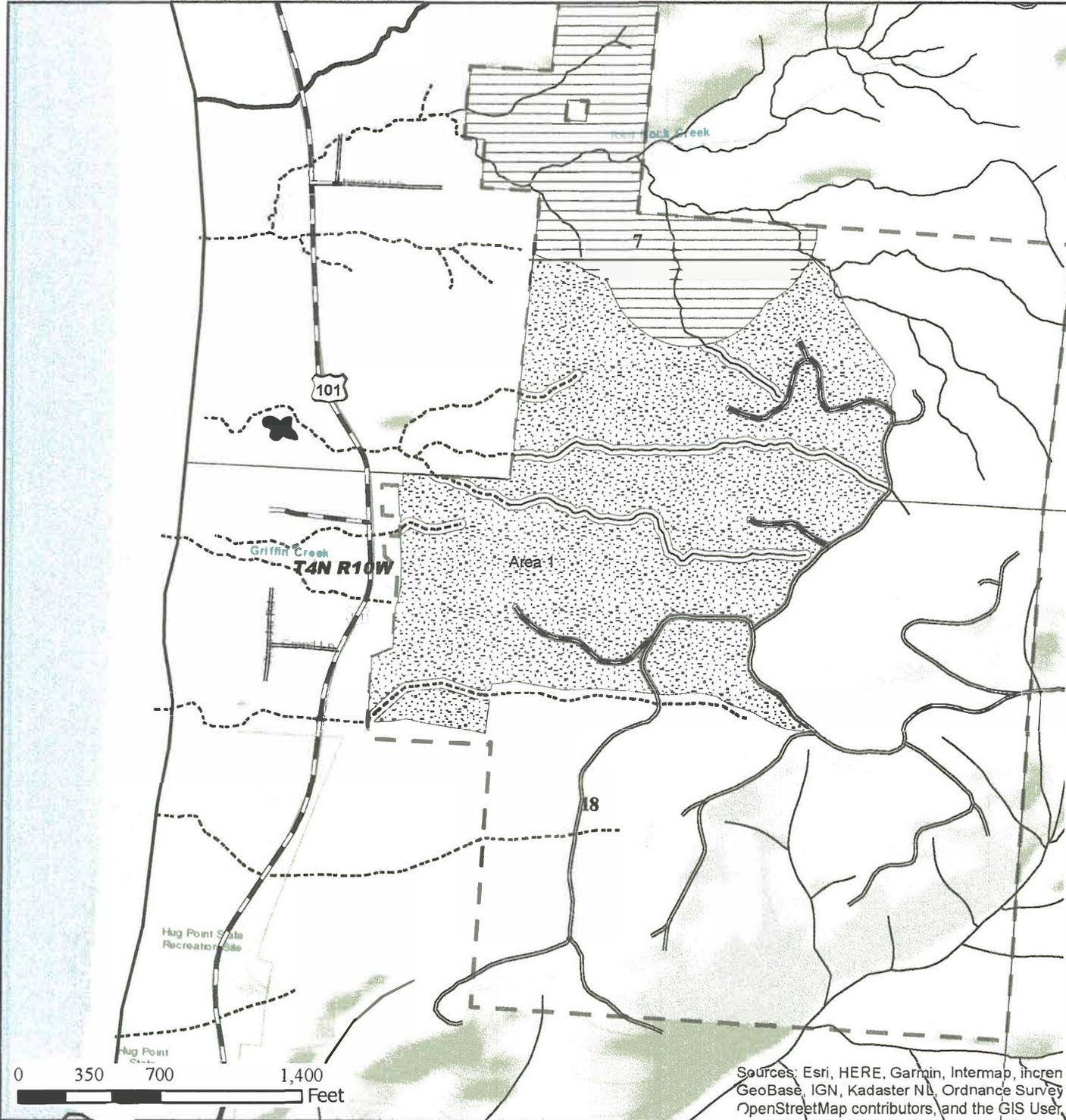
- New Road Construction
- == Paved Road
- Rocked Road
- Fish
- Nonfish
- Unknown

**Sale Boundary**

- Clearcut - Modified
- Partial Cut
- Road Buffer, New Construction

**Desired Future Condition**

- LYR
- OFS
- ODF Ownership



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, iNcen  
GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey  
OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

**Subject:** FW: Pending Oregon Department of Forestry decisions on Coastal logging activity  
**Date:** Sunday, July 7, 2019 at 9:31:21 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
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Please forward this email to the individual members of the Oregon Board of Forestry for their review.

Thank you.

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July 7, 2019

Members of the Oregon Board of Forestry:

I am writing about the Norriston Heights timber sale (attached), which I ask to be delayed for a year for more consideration and public process.

My wife and I are long-time Oregonians. We divide our time between Lake Oswego and a residence on the Oregon Coast at Arcadia Beach. We were notified last Sunday, third hand, that the Oregon Department of Forestry planned to auction a portion of state forest for clear cutting immediately east of our property on the Coast.

We bought this Oregon Coast family retreat for ourselves and our children's families, and we can have up to 8 grandchildren at this coast-side property at the same time. Our water is sourced from a stream that originates just east of 101. We have water rights from the State that date to 1974. This water source is in potential jeopardy due to the planned clear cut of Norriston Heights. If our water supply is diminished because of silting, changing water dynamics or leaching of chemicals, we do not have another water source.

Actions have consequences, some are known immediately; others don't appear for many years. I found this to be true as I ran my Portland based software business, Viewpoint Construction Software, until my retirement in 2015. Our children are learning this as they run their own businesses today, which include careers in sustainable energy and agriculture.

A clear cut of Norriston Heights yields revenue to the State. But we are concerned about the following potential consequences:

- Permanent damage to our sole water supply from silting, changes in water flow dynamics, chemical intrusion of the water table for our family and our neighbors
- Accelerated erosion in the already dynamic hillsides east and west of Highway 101 through Arcadia Beach and Hug Point
- Landslides onto Highway 101, closing a vital coastal transportation link
- Provide the numerous tourists and visitors to the Oregon Coast and traveling Highway 101 with a vivid visual of poor forestry stewardship, reducing tourism revenues to Cannon Beach and Clatsop County
- Negatively impacting recreational opportunities along the Oregon Coast
- Negative ecological impacts to adjoining forest assets, including higher susceptibility to fires

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While we do not know the precise effects of ODF's proposed actions, we do know is that the chances of any one of these events, or all of them, coming to pass is higher if the Norriston Heights site is clear cut.

Given the increased likelihood of damage to our water supplies, landslides, accelerated erosion and increased fire danger, I submit that our family and our similarly situated neighbors will bear a large direct cost if something doesn't go as 'planned'.

The above realities are made more concerning by the fact that my wife and I, and most of our neighbors, received no notice of this activity from the State of Oregon! I got an email from a friend, who was passing on the information they received from another friend. Along with information about a planned meeting with ODF on Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> was the ODF's notice of potential sale of the trees on this property.

60+ concerned citizens met at Hug Point State Park this past Tuesday morning at an informational meeting that was scheduled by an ODF employee. Here is the Daily Astorian's account as published on July 3rd: [https://www.dailyastorian.com/news/local/timber-sale-taps-into-anxiety-over-logging-on-the-coast/article\\_befcd9f8-9da7-11e9-9cf8-e32fa232cde5.html](https://www.dailyastorian.com/news/local/timber-sale-taps-into-anxiety-over-logging-on-the-coast/article_befcd9f8-9da7-11e9-9cf8-e32fa232cde5.html). Unfortunately for some reason no one from ODF attended. However, a very civil discussion happened amongst these concerned citizens and several action plans were outlined. My letter to you is one of my personal action items. I will be sending a similar note to the Governor, the four members of our legislative teams from our two Oregon residences and Jason Miner.

There are numerous solutions: selective harvesting; increased margins around streams; or leaving the 77 acres of Norriston Heights as it is. And for those of us that could be directly impacted by this decision and subsequent clear cutting of this site, more transparency from ODF is mandatory.

I understand there are competing values in management of our public lands, but to balance the potential revenue to the State with the potential costs and public understanding of the consequences noted above, I believe we all need to push this decision back to give us time to assess the situation.

On behalf of myself and my family, I request that your help in seeing that this timber sale is withdrawn from the 2020 Annual Operations Plans for the Astoria District. A year's delay will give me and the wider group of concerned public time to better understand the specifics of the sale and the options ensure protection of values near the proposed sale, including our water supply.

Thanks in advance for your attention. I hope to hear from you soon.

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Cc: Bob Van Dyke  
Policy Director for Oregon and California  
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# Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

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July 12, 2019

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**"STEWARDSHIP  
IN FORESTRY"**

Dear Neighbor,

As a neighbor of ODF-managed lands and registered water user of a stream fed from these lands, we would like to make you aware of an upcoming planned operation on our Arch Cape tract. The Norriston Heights timber sale is a 70-acre modified clearcut comprised of 68-year-old mixed conifer that is scheduled to auction in late summer 2019. We have taken several measures to protect streamside vegetation and soil and water quality, and hope the below information provided helps alleviate any concerns you may have.

We have taken measures to buffer the areas where water systems are located as well as the streams that feed these systems as required by the Forest Practices Act and Northwest Oregon State Forest Management Plan (FMP). The FMP calls for minimum 25-foot buffers on each side of small perennial streams for at least 75% of the stream reach. For this sale, we have left buffers on 100% of the three stream reaches within the sale area, and left additional stream buffer widths in areas where predominant winds may impact the stream buffers. Specifically, no harvest will occur on the windward (southwestern) side of the southernmost located stream.

ODF works to ensure that potential geologically sensitive areas are identified and protected prior to timber sales. During the initial planning process, an ODF Geotechnical Specialist reviewed the Norriston Heights sale. He provided recommendations to widen unharvested buffers on the banks above two small streams to provide additional protections for slope stability, with the goal of further protecting water quality. After our foresters completed field preparations, our Geotechnical Specialist made a second visit to the site to review where the stream buffer locations were posted. He concluded that the stream buffers were marked consistent with his recommendations, and are in alignment with the Northwest Oregon State Forest Management Plan. No other geological hazards were identified.

As a public land manager, ODF works to respect neighboring landowners, and in that spirit has taken extra caution when designing this timber sale to protect water sources and any potentially geologically sensitive areas. We are always happy to provide information about our management of state forestlands, and feel free to contact me if you have further questions at (503)325-5451.

Respectfully,

Ty Williams  
Astoria Assistant District Forester