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From: Scott Killops <scott.killops@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 2:01 PM
To: FORESTRY Boardof * ODF
Cc: KC Kacey * ODF; SKINNER Kate J * ODF; FERRARI Chandra Alene * GOV; THIEL Katie * DAS; Scott Killops
Subject: Public Comment for BOF Meeting on 6/3/2026: Request for Update on Strategic Plan
Attachments: 20260603-bof-public-comment-sp-scott-killops.pdf

Hi Board of Forestry,

Thank you for your service and for the opportunity to provide a public comment for the Board of Forestry meeting coming up on June 3. My comment is a request to add to the agenda a summary of ODF's Strategic Plan Progress Report for 2026. This need not be a regular agenda item unless the Board and/or ODF wish to discuss it. It could be an Information Item added to the Consent Agenda. A more detailed discussion is provided in the attached PDF file.

Respectfully,
Scott Killops
350PDX Forest Defense Team Member

To: Oregon Board of Forestry (Board) and Department of Forestry (ODF)
From: Scott Killops
Subject: Public Comment for the Board of Forestry Meeting on June 3, 2026
Request for a summary of ODF's Strategic Plan Progress Report (2026)
Date: May 20, 2026

Chair Kelly, Members of the Board, and State Forester KC,

Thank you for your service and for the opportunity to provide a public comment for the [Board of Forestry Meeting to be held June 3, 2026](#). My comment is a request that the Board add to the meeting agenda a summary of ODF's Strategic Plan Progress Report (2026).

On the [Accountability and Governor's Expectations](#) web site under "Strategic Planning (due COB June 1, 2026)" it states:

- Agencies will develop and follow a strategic plan that also aligns with priorities set forth by the Governor's Office.
- Provide a survey-based progress update on their current strategic plan.
- Email a copy of the current/concluding strategic plan covered by the agency's survey update.
- Email a copy of any new agency strategic plan adopted since June 1 of the prior year (only if applicable).

The survey-based progress update is to be submitted using the on-line form [Strategic Plan Progress Report \(2026\)](#). Since this Board meeting follows the deadline for the Strategic Plan Progress Report, I feel that ODF should provide the Board and the public a summary of the progress report. This need not be a regular agenda item unless the Board and/or ODF wish to discuss it. It could be an information item added to the Consent Agenda.

Thank you again for your service and for the opportunity to provide a public comment.

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BARTLETT Shawna L * ODF

From: Len Greenwood <nestwood@sonic.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2026 10:36 AM
To: FORESTRY Boardof * ODF
Subject: Speak Up For Your State Forests

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Dear Chair Kelly and Members of the Board of Forestry,

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The HCP will begin to restore balance to our state forests after decades of clearcuts and over-harvest. The HCP will protect iconic salmon runs, wildlife habitat, recreation, and clean water by limiting or prohibiting timber harvest within established conservation areas. However, the remainder of state forest should not be managed like private industrial forest land with short harvest rotations that maximize revenue.

The new forest management plan must be supported by the best science available, to meet the challenges posed by climate change. This includes increasing protective stream buffers on headwater streams to protect cold clean water for salmon, and implementing the Climate Plan to increase carbon absorption and storage in our state forests. This can be achieved by reducing clearcut timber harvest, protecting existing mature stands of forest, applying ecological forest management practices, and establishing longer rotations between harvest to increase carbon storage.

The HCP and new forest management plan would continue to produce revenue from state forest timber sales to fund the Department of Forestry and county services, but this is an unreliable and unsustainable approach. I support efforts to diversify revenue sources for both the Department of Forestry and local services, to relieve the pressure to over-harvest public forests and provide more stable funding.

Now is the time to stand tall for Oregon's state forests, and for current and future generations, by adopting a strong HCP and a new forest management plan.

Sincerely,

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From: Linda Luke <lukeatlake@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2026 5:44 AM
To: FORESTRY Boardof * ODF
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Sincerely,

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BARTLETT Shawna L * ODF

From: naima baker <naima_ruby@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 1:56 AM
To: FORESTRY Boardof * ODF
Subject: Protect Our Forests

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Dear Chair Kelly and Members of the Board of Forestry,

I am writing to express my strong support for completing a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for western Oregon's state forests, and to urge the Board to follow through by adopting a comprehensive new forest management plan.

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Sincerely,

BARTLETT Shawna L * ODF

From: Roberta Baker <robertareneebaker@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 9:24 PM
To: FORESTRY Boardof * ODF
Subject: Protect Our Forests

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Sincerely,

Roberta Baker

BARTLETT Shawna L * ODF

From: R Beers <rbeers2606@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2026 10:35 PM
To: FORESTRY Boardof * ODF
Subject: Forest accord taking

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Gentlemen

The forest accord water controls and side canyon setbacks is restricting a large portion of our homesteaded property in western Lane county/ It is my understanding ,when a public body uses a private citizen's property for the benefit of the public, there is just compensation to the private owner for the public use.. I am proposing a monthly fee for as long as the forest accord is in effect. We haven't appraised the timber value for the restrictions but the value is quite high.

Your board comments are welcome.

Thanks

Dick Beers-pioneer family since 1890
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Dear State Forester KC,

I am writing on behalf of the West Oregon Forest Protective Association (WOFPA) to congratulate you on your appointment as Oregon's State Forester. We welcome you into this important role and look forward to continuing the strong partnership between ODF and Oregon's landowners.

Advisory Directors

Don Everingham

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Nancy Taylor

Kristin Babbs

Eric Risdal

For more than a century, the West Oregon Forest Protective Association and Oregon's Forest Protective Associations have played a central role in building and sustaining one of the nation's most unique and effective wildfire protection models. Originating from cooperative efforts among landowners following the devastating fires of the early 1900s, the association system evolved into the foundation of Oregon's complete and coordinated fire protection system, a partnership among landowners, associations, and the Oregon Department of Forestry that remains essential today. Through collaboration, shared responsibility, local expertise, and coordinated planning, this system has provided effective wildfire protection across diverse ownerships and landscapes while ensuring that those closest to the land remain directly engaged in its stewardship. The continued strength of this partnership is critical not only to maintaining effective fire protection, but also to preserving the unique culture of cooperation that has long defined Oregon forestry.

District Forester

Matt Thomas

ODF has been, and continues to be, a valued partner in protecting our forest resources. We consistently rely on the agency's knowledge, expertise, and professionalism when personnel are dispatched to fires within our district, and we greatly value their presence on the fire line. Within Oregon's complete and coordinated system, we also depend heavily on our contractors for initial attack response and on heavy equipment resources, such as dozers, to support extended attack operations. Each summer, we provide contractor fire training to ensure crews are prepared for the season and that suppression equipment meets operational standards. As an association, we are committed to ensuring our contractors meet or exceed ODF fire season requirements because this work protects both their livelihoods and ours. At the same time, we recognize that no timber resource is worth an injury or loss of life, which is why safety remains our highest priority. As landowners, we also take pride in maintaining our own suppression resources including engines, equipment, and a robust fire cache to support both initial and extended attack operations. I often describe Oregon's complete and coordinated fire protection system as a three-legged stool: ODF, contractors, and landowners. If any one leg fails, the strength and effectiveness of the entire system is placed at risk.

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One area of concern for WOFPA moving forward is the budget development process. It is important that landowners continue to play a meaningful role in shaping district budgets and maintain strong opportunities for input throughout the process. As changes to the budget structure continue to evolve, there is concern that landowners may become further removed from the ability to influence decisions that directly impact protection levels and costs. Because landowners fund a significant portion of the protection system, it is critical that they remain informed, engaged, and actively involved as future changes are considered. The strength of Oregon's complete and coordinated system has always depended on partnership, transparency, and shared ownership, and maintaining that connection will be essential moving forward.

WOFPA believes it is one of the most engaged protective associations in the state, and that engagement reflects the commitment our members have demonstrated for many years. We are fortunate to work alongside a district whose leadership has consistently emphasized transparency, communication, and collaboration. The leadership provided by West Oregon's District Forester and staff has been instrumental to our firefighting success and to maintaining the strong partnerships that define our association. We are grateful for ODF's continued cooperation and partnership not only in wildfire protection, but across all aspects of forest management and stewardship. We look forward to continuing to strengthen that relationship in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Luke Bergey

President

West Oregon Forest Protective Association

BARTLETT Shawna L * ODF

From: Elsa Boone <elsaboone26@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2026 4:45 AM
To: FORESTRY Boardof * ODF
Subject: Public Comment on Resource Management Plan Revision – Forest Protection

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to any proposed logging or extractive uses on Bureau of Land Management (BLM)–managed public lands in northwestern, coastal, and southwestern Oregon. These landscapes include some of the last remaining old-growth forests in the region—places that have stood for centuries, long before us, and that cannot be replaced within our lifetimes.

These forests are more than just resources. They are living ecosystems, home to countless species, including those already at risk of disappearing forever. To log these lands is not simply to remove trees—it is to unravel entire habitats, to silence ecosystems that have taken generations to develop, and to push vulnerable wildlife closer to extinction.

Old-growth forests also serve as one of our strongest natural defenses against climate change, storing vast amounts of carbon and helping regulate our environment. Once they are cut, that balance is lost, and the damage cannot be undone on any meaningful human timescale.

Public lands belong to all of us, including future generations who deserve the chance to experience these forests as we do today. We have a responsibility not to trade away something irreplaceable for short-term gain. Once these landscapes are gone, they are gone for good.

I respectfully urge the Bureau of Land Management to prioritize conservation, restoration, and long-term ecosystem health in its Resource Management Plan revision. This means excluding logging and any extractive practices that would degrade these fragile and irreplaceable forests.

Thank you for considering my comments. I strongly encourage you to act with foresight and responsibility to protect these lands—for the wildlife that depends on them, for the climate we all share, and for the generations who will inherit the consequences of today's decisions.

Sincerely,
Elsa Boone

Sent from my iPhone

BARTLETT Shawna L * ODF

From: Jason Clinch <jason.clinch@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2026 2:57 PM
To: FORESTRY Boardof * ODF
Subject: Comments for Oregon BOF Meeting on June 3, 2026
Attachments: NPSO_Letter_to_OR_Forestry_Dept_RE_Aerial_Spraying_Policy_signed SY.pdf

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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Native Plant Society of Oregon (NPSO), I am submitting the attached letter as it relates to the Oregon Board of Forestry's considerations of updating the Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan in general (Action Item 6 of the June 3, 2026 Agenda), and specific to those actions related to FY27 (and beyond) management plan for the Tillamook State Forest. We (NPSO) would like to see the final draft of the Forest Management Plan along with providing any information on the process for final adoption and plan implementation. Please send correspondence to president@npsso.org and jason.clinch@gmail.com.

NPSO does not seek an adversarial relationship with Oregon Dept. of Forestry or the BOF but sees this a collaborative opportunity to better understand and inform those involved (and the public) of the real impacts related to aerial spraying of vegetation on our State Forests as it relates to native plants.

Cordially,

-Jason Clinch

Native Plant Society of Oregon, Director-at-Large, Fellow



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June 1, 2026

State Board of Forestry

Oregon Department of Forestry

2600 State Street

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On behalf of the Native Plant Society of Oregon, I am writing to express concern and opposition to the proposed herbicide prescriptions for the Tillamook State Forest in FY27 and in the coming decade. These concerns are also related to potential adoption of the Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan by Oregon Department of Forestry in the coming months.

Aerial herbicide spraying is inherently indiscriminate. These broad applications eliminate diverse understory vegetation as well as species that depend on periodic disturbance—including native herbs, grasses, shrubs, and broadleaf trees—that are essential to forest health. Such losses reduce biodiversity, disrupt wildlife habitat, and can damage the soil seed bank, limiting or preventing natural recovery. It is obvious to anyone who has visited areas previously treated in this manner, that the effects have been long-lasting and ecosystem-altering.

The removal of native plant communities also creates conditions that favor invasive species. Taxa such as bull thistle, woodland ragwort, shining geranium, and Scotch broom readily colonize disturbed soils and can quickly dominate treated areas. Preventing invasive species establishment is far more effective and less costly than attempting to control it after the fact. Maintaining the diverse array of native trees, shrubs, and forbs is the best defense for minimizing invasive species establishment.

Native plants play critical ecological roles: stabilizing soils, supporting insects, birds, and wildlife, and contributing to long-term forest resilience. Their removal can increase erosion, reduce ecosystem stability, and may contribute to increased risks of wildfire, disease, and insect infestation. Research increasingly shows that maintaining native vegetation—rather than eliminating it—can support healthier forests and improve outcomes for planted trees.



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These concerns are particularly urgent in the Tillamook State Forest, which contains unique and relatively understudied botanical communities, and contains some of the last remaining areas in the North Coast Range that have not been sprayed. Many areas within and adjacent to these intact forests, including rocky bluffs and marginal production lands, harbor unusual and/or uncommon plant communities and associations. These forests are essentially “islands” of biodiversity and serve as refugia for many uncommon to rare species, including several endemics. Aerial spraying in these regions risks irreversible loss of biodiversity and scientific knowledge, especially given that many sensitive species have not yet been fully surveyed or mapped.

While recent policy changes have improved protections for streams and aquatic species, there remains insufficient consideration for upland communities. Without comprehensive pre-treatment surveys, herbicide applications may inadvertently impact rare or threatened species and their communities. In addition, herbicide drift, soil impacts, and non-target mortality underscore the need for a more precautionary approach and further studies of these impacts.

Healthy, diverse forests are not only an ecological asset but also an economic and social one. Oregonians value the state's natural beauty, and biodiversity underpins recreation, tourism, and public trust in forest management. Practices that diminish ecological integrity risk undermining both environmental and economic sustainability.

We urge the Oregon Department of Forestry to re-evaluate current herbicide practices and reduce reliance on broad-spectrum, aerial applications. In our experience, where native plants have been removed, they do not simply reappear. They are displaced by non-native plants, and native diversity declines. This is not a small matter, and we would welcome a partnership with ODF to help better understand the impacts these powerful herbicides have on Oregon's natural heritage. Specifically, we recommend:

- Expanding research and assessment on the effects of past aerial herbicide applications on native plants prior to further treatments
- Conducting native plant surveys to better understand communities that might be affected prior to treatment activities
- Increasing transparency and accessibility of herbicide application data
- Strengthening monitoring of sensitive and rare plant populations



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- Prioritizing management approaches that maintain native vegetation and ecosystem function
- Sharing information from research and surveys with partner agencies and entities that share a common interest in that information

Updating the Forest Management Plan provides an important opportunity to incorporate these improvements and ensure that your stewardship of the Tillamook State Forest and other State Forest lands maintains the diversity of native plants and native vegetation communities within these forests.

Thank you for considering our comments and your commitment to responsible forest management. Please continue to include our organization in future correspondence including upcoming meetings, public comment periods, updates, and/or other opportunities ().

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From: Virginia Bowers <bowers.virginia@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2026 8:04 PM
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Subject: Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan comment letter
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Dear Oregon Forestry Board members:

Please see the attached letter from the Native Plant Society of Oregon - Portland Chapter regarding aerial spraying of forest lands.

Regards,
Virginia Bowers
NPSO Membership chair

June 3, 2026
State Board of Forestry
Oregon Department of Forestry
2600 State Street
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Dear State Board of Forestry:

The Native Plant Society of Oregon (Portland Chapter) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the enjoyment, education about, and protection of native plants. Many of us, of course, enjoy seeing the explosion of wildflowers in the forests and open meadows throughout Oregon. However, we are very concerned about the impacts to our forests and surrounding landscapes by aerial spraying of herbicides. In particular, we are writing to oppose the proposed herbicide prescriptions for the Tillamook State Forest in FY27 and in the coming decade. These concerns are also related to potential adoption of the Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan by Oregon Department of Forestry in the coming months.

Under the new Forest Accords, there are now some better safeguards for homes and streams. However, aerial spraying still kills not only the invasive weeds, but all of the native plants that are vital to a healthy ecosystem. Native plants provide food and shelter for wildlife, insects and birds. They play a vital role in supporting the health of coniferous trees. Removing native plants also expose the soil, making soil more susceptible to erosion.

Open soils also invite in more of the invasive weeds to resprout. Preventing invasive species establishment is far more effective and less costly than attempting to control it after the fact. Maintaining the diverse array of native trees, shrubs, and forbs is the best defense for minimizing invasive species establishment.

In addition, research has shown that glyphosate is often associated with loss of the planted trees to disease and insect infestation. Other recent studies have shown that, in fact, keeping the native plants in place provide many benefits to the forest and result in healthier trees and a healthier ecosystem. For instance, alder trees help reduce the intensity of wildfires due to their water-filled trunks and branches.

These concerns are particularly urgent in the Tillamook State Forest, which contains unique and relatively understudied botanical communities, and contains some of the last remaining areas in the North Coast Range that have not been sprayed or with very little spraying. Many areas, including rocky bluffs and marginal production lands, harbor unusual and/or uncommon plant communities and associations. These forests are essentially "islands" of biodiversity and serve as refugia for many uncommon to rare species, including several endemics. Aerial spraying in

these regions risks irreversible loss of biodiversity and scientific knowledge, especially given that many sensitive species have not yet been fully surveyed or mapped.

Healthy, diverse forests are not only an ecological asset but also an economic and social one. Oregonians value the state's natural beauty, and biodiversity underpins recreation, tourism, and public trust in forest management. Practices that diminish ecological integrity risk undermining both environmental and economic sustainability.

We respectfully urge the Board to re-evaluate current pesticide policies and consider alternatives that prioritize ecological integrity and re-evaluates chemical dependency while supporting healthy forest ecosystems. As the Board updates the Forest Management Plan, this is an excellent opportunity to provide safeguards for native vegetation. Additionally, increased usability of publicly available pesticide application data and expanded survey and monitoring of sensitive plant populations would help ensure that management practices align with the state's conservation goals.

Sincerely,

Chealsey Rosebrook

Chealsey Rosebrook (On behalf of our board)
Portland Chapter President
Native Plant Society of Oregon – Portland Chapter

BARTLETT Shawna L * ODF

From: Scott Killops <scott.killops@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2026 2:25 PM
To: FORESTRY Boardof * ODF
Cc: Scott Killops; KC Kacey * ODF
Subject: Public Comments for BOF Meeting on June 3, 2026
Attachments: 20260603-bof-public-comment-bwp-scott-killops.pdf; 20260304-bof-public-comment-bpm-scott-killops.pdf

Hi Board of Forestry,

Attached are written versions of the public comments that I delivered verbally at today's Board meeting. Thanks again for the opportunity to comment.

Scott Killops
350PDX Forest Defense Team Volunteer

To: Oregon Board of Forestry (Board) and Department of Forestry (ODF)
From: Scott Killops
Subject: Public Comment for the Board of Forestry Meeting on June 3, 2026
Climate Leadership Omissions in the Board Work Plan for 2026-27
Date: June 3, 2026

Chair Kelly, Members of the Board, and State Forester KC,

Thank you for your service and for the opportunity to provide a public comment. For the record, my name is Scott Killops and I am a volunteer with [350PDX](#), a climate-justice advocacy group. My comment regards the omission of climate leadership topics in the [Board Work Plan for 2026-27](#) which was discussed at the [Board Retreat in February](#).

The Board/ODF [Vision for Oregon's Forests](#) includes the priority "Climate Leadership". However, the [Board Work Plan](#) contains only one topic related to climate leadership, the "Climate-Smart Forestry Awards". I believe this is inadequate to realize the climate leadership priority. I believe that the [Board Work Plan](#) should include at least these additional topics:

- A review of ODF's Implementation Workplan for [Executive Order 25-26 \(EO 25-26\)](#).
- A review of ODF's 5-year update of the [Climate Change and Carbon Plan \(CCCP\)](#).
- An update on ODF's implementation of the *Forestry Natural Climate Solutions Fund (FNCSF)*.
- An update on the ODF [Forest Carbon Accounting](#) program.

Realizing climate-smart forestry leadership at ODF and achieving the goals articulated in the [Climate Change and Carbon Plan](#) requires the active participation and leadership of the ODF Executive Team and the oversight of the Board. It requires a whole-of-agency approach. As such, periodic updates to the Board should be included in the [Board Work Plan](#).

Thank you again for your service and for the opportunity to provide a public comment.

Respectfully,
Scott Killops
350PDX Forest Defense Team Member

Reference

Public Comment for the Board of Forestry Meeting on March 4, 2026
[Climate Leadership Omissions in the Board Work Plan for 2026-27](#)

To: Oregon Board of Forestry (Board) and Department of Forestry (ODF)
From: Scott Killops
Subject: Public Comment for the Board of Forestry Meeting on June 3, 2026
Regarding the Board Policy Manual (BPM) – Consent Agenda Items
Date: June 3, 2026

Chair Kelly, Members of the Board, and State Forester KC,

Thank you for your service and for the opportunity to provide a public comment. For the record, my name is Scott Killops and I am a volunteer with [350PDX](#), a climate-justice advocacy group. My comment regards updates to the [Board Policy Manual](#). Specifically, my comment regards Addendum C – Board Agenda Development.

Addendum C neglects the topic of Consent Agenda items. The Board does not discuss Consent Agenda items and does not accept public testimony on Consent Agenda items. I feel that Addendum C should include a process by which Board members or the public may request that a Consent Agenda item be moved to the regular agenda so that discussion and testimony may be provided.

A case in point is ODF's [Annual Performance Progress Report](#). For the last three years, review and approval of ODF's [Annual Performance Progress Report](#) has been placed on the Consent Agenda of the September Board meeting, despite several ODF [Key Performance Measures](#) trending below target. I believe that Board members and the public should have the opportunity to comment on the adequacy of ODF corrective actions for Key Performance Measures trending below target.

But the general point is that the [Board Policy Manual](#) should clarify whether and how Board members or the public may challenge the placement of topics on the Consent Agenda.

Thank you again for your service and for the opportunity to provide a public comment.

Respectfully,
Scott Killops
350PDX Forest Defense Team Member

BARTLETT Shawna L * ODF

From: Sarah Coughlon <scoughlon@mrss.com>
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Subject: Speak Up For Your State Forests

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Dear Chair Kelly and Members of the Board of Forestry,

Thank you for supporting the completion of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for Western Oregon state forests. I'm writing to ask you to continue this work by adopting a new forest management plan for Oregon's state forests. This includes implementing a strong HCP and the Climate Change and Carbon Plan (Climate Plan), adopted by the Board of Forestry in 2021, with proactive measures to address climate change.

The HCP will begin to restore balance to our state forests after decades of clearcuts and over-harvest. The HCP will protect iconic salmon runs, wildlife habitat, recreation, and clean water by limiting or prohibiting timber harvest within established conservation areas. However, the remainder of state forest should not be managed like private industrial forest land with short harvest rotations that maximize revenue.

The new forest management plan must be supported by the best science available, to meet the challenges posed by climate change. This includes increasing protective stream buffers on headwater streams to protect cold clean water for salmon, and implementing the Climate Plan to increase carbon absorption and storage in our state forests. This can be achieved by reducing clearcut timber harvest, protecting existing mature stands of forest, applying ecological forest management practices, and establishing longer rotations between harvest to increase carbon storage.

The HCP and new forest management plan would continue to produce revenue from state forest timber sales to fund the Department of Forestry and county services, but this is an unreliable and unsustainable approach. I support efforts to diversify revenue sources for both the Department of Forestry and local services, to relieve the pressure to over-harvest public forests and provide more stable funding.

Now is the time to stand tall for Oregon's state forests, and for current and future generations, by adopting a strong HCP and a new forest management plan.

Sincerely,

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BARTLETT Shawna L * ODF

From: Mitchell Cruzan <cruzan@pdx.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2026 8:59 AM
To: FORESTRY Boardof * ODF
Cc: eric.perkins@odf.state.or.us; SKINNER Kate J * ODF
Subject: Please reconsider the Aerial Herbicide Application Policy
Attachments: LetterFromHPSUboard_noCC_signed.pdf

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Dear Board of Forestry Members,

I am writing to you as the director of the Portland State University Herbarium to share a letter from the PSU Herbarium Board to request the cessation of aerial herbicide application in state forests (please see attached).

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4 June 2026

Dear Members of the Board of Forestry,

It has come to our attention recently that the Department of Forestry has been, and plans to continue, aerial-spraying logging units within the Tillamook State Forest and other state-owned forest land across western Oregon. We are an independent board, unaffiliated with the University, and the views expressed below are not those of the University, its Directors, administration or departments. As the body responsible for guiding the Portland State University Herbarium, which supports the documentation and study of Oregon plant diversity, we are unanimous in our concerns with the continued extensive broadcast use of herbicides on state land.

The Portland State University Herbarium houses an extensive collection of Oregon plants especially from the northwest corner of the state. This collection represents a significant investment by the University, Oregon taxpayers, businesses, agencies and donors that support the herbarium's work in the documentation and study of native plant diversity. Aerial herbicide application by the Department of Forestry, affecting tens of thousands of acres of native plants, would seem to be at odds with our role in native plant conservation and study.

The Tillamook State Forest is the last remaining large area of the northwest corner of the state that has not been extensively sprayed, but under the proposed plan, over half of the state forest totaling approximately 190,000 acres, would be aurally sprayed and converted to intensive conifer production. The remaining 40% of the TSF would also be subject to some degree of spraying, and would be fractured into several isolated parcels, separated by broad swaths of conifer plantation. This would likely reduce native plant diversity and open the door for increasing incursions of non-native weeds.

The vast majority of the TSF remains botanically unsurveyed, and preliminary investigations suggest that the TSF harbors many unique plant populations that remain undocumented. We believe that significant additional inventory of native plants and study of the effects of these high-power chemicals on the native flora need to happen before any further aerial spraying occurs in the TSF. We would be happy to work with your staff to plan and implement such studies. In the meantime, we respectfully request a cessation of aerial applications while we work with your staff to refine the details of a study plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AKimpo".

Angie Kimpo
Chair, HPSU Board of Directors