From: Karen von Borstel
To: Jim Kelly; ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: Re: Worried for our state's economy
Date: Friday, October 02, 2020 11:43:35 AM

Thank you for your response Jim. You are welcome to come visit us anytime. Camp Howard's first camping season was in 1953. There have been a lot of good memories made here. We would love it if you came for a visit. We are still an active tree farm.
The Oregon Dept. of Forestry invited us to participate in their fuel reduction program a few years ago. The forester in charge also spent time to educate me on defending camp in the event of a forest fire. We were so appreciative.
As you know, we are located on the north rim of the Bull Run canyon. A fire coming up out of the canyon would be at camp in very little time. Our plan is to turn the fire around the main part of camp, hopefully at least saving most of it.
Since that time we have maintained our defensible spaces they helped us create. We have a small group of goats we move every week throughout camp with the aid of electric fencing. They really do a great job of clearing the vegetation, keeping the forest floor cleared. We have put a great deal of effort into keeping vegetation away from our buildings. We have strategically planted grass fields as part of this endeavor.
During this past fire emergency we lost power due to numerous branches and trees coming down on the power lines in the area. We had a tree come down on the PGE main line here in camp. When PGE turned the power on a few days later, they had forgotten to fix that down line even though we had showed it to them the night before. This caused a strip about 200' long to start burning. Thankfully we had removed the trees and brush from under the power lines about 10 years ago and have kept that mowed since then. We also keep firefighting equipment here at camp and our camp personnel and neighbors had the fire out by the time the fire dept. got here. We had to use our equipment again later that week when a faulty connection at the top of a power pole malfunctioned, turned red hot, threw sparks and parts off into the grass. This was at midnight on one of those hot nights. Luckily our neighbor was on lookout and saw it. Again we were able to wet the mowed area all down and did not have a fire. PGE was able to quickly fix the problem.
Fire prevention and a plan for defending against fires is constantly occurring here at camp. I was born and raised in Sherman County Oregon where fire was a constant threat. Even though Sherman County does not have timber, we did graze cattle in the National Forest in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in the Troutlake, Wa. area. Cattle were used to keep the grass down. Sheep were used to control the brush. Wood permits were sold to citizens and commercial wood cutters so they could utilize the down and dead trees in the forests for firewood. Roads were maintained so there was access into the forests. Clear cuts were utilized as fire stops. There were a lot of things going on that helped get fires stopped. We have much more we need to do. The job is ongoing.
As all of these things were discontinued and the fires started raging. Now during the Riverside Fire I read one daily report that said there was 100 to 1000 hours of fuel load in that fire. Another thing clear cuts accomplish is to allow the forest floor to get cleaned up. Maybe you remember opportunities when you were young to get on jobs piling and burning slash. As the Eagle Creek fire a few years ago was heading our direction it was comforting to realize Weyerhaeuser, who borders the north side of our property, had just logged the piece north of us. It was a new clear cut. That was a comfort to me realizing that would be a good fire stop.
I pray your board will consider reinstituting these management practices. The devastating loss of

lives, towns, livelihoods, and our forests just has to stop. We can do this with proper management. Pull out all the stops and let's get things under control.
Thank you very much.
Karen von Borstel

From: Jim Kelly <jamesowenkelly@gmail.com>
Date: Friday, October 2, 2020 at 10:32 AM
To: Karen von Borstel <karenvb@cyocamphoward.org>
Subject: Re: Worried for our state's economy

Hi Karen,

Thanks for you note. I noticed your Camp Howard email address. I was there I think 57 years ago!

I do need you to know that you should not send any future emails my personal email address. Written testimony for myself and other Board members should be directed to the Board of Forestry email address which is boardofforestry@oregon.gov.

Best,

Jim Kelly

> On Oct 2, 2020, at 10:10 AM, Karen von Borstel <Karen.vonBorstel.360137956@p2a.co> wrote:
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> Dear Jim Kelly,
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> Our forests need managed. We need to be harvesting timber and managing the forest to create clear cuts, giving us the ability to stop these massive fires.
> Surely this horrible situation we are all living through due to the mismanagement of our forests is evidence enough that reducing logging is not the answer.
> We should be thinning, logging, using humans, cattle, sheep, and goats to reduce fuels.
> What is going on right now is not protecting the environment.
> DO NOT REDUCE TIMBER HARVESTS. INCREASE THEM!!!!!!
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> Thank you,