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## Oregon Board of Forestry,

The new stream rules you are about to enact are going to have a negative economic impact on all forest landowners. The extent of these changes will have an even greater effect on small tract landowners. Not only are these regulatory changes going to be costly to me and many others, they are dubious in their scientific basis.

Your ~~dis~~ disregard of true scientific research in your decision to make these regulatory changes is very troubling to me. I invested my own time and money into replazing brush and invasive species with a conifer stand along a fish stream. I did this with the rules (at the time) in mind and exceeded what was necessary.

Now you are going to move the goalposts on me (and many others). While there is more area along this same stream that really needs some TLC, what incentive are you giving me?

All I can be sure of is that I will spend more money and spill more

sweat so I can pay taxes on land that won't generate a return. In addition to that I am extremely skeptical that this rule tightening will have a positive impact on stream temperature or riparian habitat.

I beg you to turn your attention to the devastating <sup>effect</sup> that invasive plant species are having on western Oregon riparian habitat. Only then will our collective resources have a measurable positive effect on fish populations and overall watershed health.

Creating regulations without understanding and taking in to account all ecological factors will only create a negative economic impact to forest land owners.

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