



way that provides sustainable benefits for all. The thought of policy choices or negotiation giving away the economic benefits provided by the State Forest to my community definitely keeps me up at nights.

60 percent of forestland in Oregon is federally owned, the vast majority of which is reserved for habitat and recreational values. At less than four percent, state forests represent a relatively small portion of Oregon's total forestland. That four percent, however, is a large and critical part of the success of local wood manufacturing sector that requires a reliable supply of state forest timber to maintain essential infrastructure and employment.

The Tillamook and Clatsop state forests were deeded to the State for the purpose of managing them on behalf of the counties. As far as I'm aware that relationship has never changed. There is no question that we can sustainably increase harvest levels and simultaneously enhance conservation outcomes. In so doing, we can realize the "greatest permanent value" mandated by statute.

To that end, I remain optimistic that we can find a sustainable solution that would keep Tillamook and other rural communities healthy for years to come. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.