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Tell the Board of Forestry to protect southern Oregon streams!

Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands.

TAKE ACTION! Ask the Board of Forestry to take action and strengthen stream buffer standards for our streams! Fill out the form below to urge State Forester Peter Daugherty and Board of Forestry Tom Imeson to stand up for southern Oregon streams!



Email Campaign Message: Stand Up for Southern Oregon Streams!

Dear Chair Tom Imeson.

I'm very concerned that Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. I urge the Board to move forward with a rule making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways.

Right now, streamside forests in southern Oregon may be clear-cut as close as 20 feet from streams that support salmon and steelhead. The science is clear that removing trees near streams results in warmer stream temperatures and increased sedimentation which is harmful to sensitive fish habitat. Many streams that flow into the Rogue are already too warm, threatening the health of salmon and other native fish.

I urge you to move forward with a rulemaking process to improve stream buffer protections for southern Oregon streams under the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Please don't leave southern Oregon streams behind.

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Additional Information Submitted with Campaign Message:

Please develop a rule making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for waterways in southern Oregon. Salmon and steelhead runs in southern Oregon are a huge driver of the economy, culture, and tourism. I spent a summer working on streams of the southern Oregon coast and marveled at the wild fish that reside there. I was also concerned about the high summer temperatures and increased sedimentation in streams with small buffers from private forestry. I return to the southwest coast every summer to spend times in the streams I love there including Hunter Creek, Pistol River, Chetco River, Elk River, and Sixes River. Supporting local economies in the communities of Langlois, Port Orford, Gold Beach, and Brookings is important to me. I spend my money at local establishments. Wild fish are a huge economy in southern Oregon. Please protect this special resource.

Mr. Andrew Chione, 1045 NW Beca Ave Corvallis OR 97330-4601, andrewchione@yahoo.com

I have testified before the Board of Forestry and submitted written comments on this issue. As a forestland owner and an OSU Land Steward, I care for the headwaters of Forest Creek, a main tributary to the Applegate River. After more than 40 years of observation, it is clear to me that this stream has been negatively impacted by commercial logging on industrial land. More must be done to protect ALL of Oregon's water resources, from the headwaters to the ocean.

Mr. Jack Duggan, PO Box 524 Jacksonville OR 97530-0524, shanachie@hughes.net

As a local resident and owner of land adjacent to private logging land, I'm disturbed that the board could potentially ignore the irrefutable fact that less shade and more sun created by removing trees increases the temperatures of streams. I rely on water from a fish bearing stream to irrigate my crops on my farm and for my livelihood. Please take steps towards honoring the clean water act and enhance the resiliency of our watershed.

Mr Jonathan Major, 541 Parkside Dr Ashland OR 97520-1140, JONATHANMAJOR@Gmail.com

I love Oregon and the beauty and resources of this State. Our economy is not based on a single industry and therefore we must protect other industries that employ a greater number of citizens. Recreation, the fishing industry, agriculture and tourism support more of Oregon's population. We must protect those industries.

Ms. Denise Tschann, 659 Fordyce St Ashland OR 97520-1305, dmtschann@gmail.com

Please don't leave our southern Oregon streams out of the stream buffering protection. I'm very concerned that Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. I urge the Board to move forward with a rule making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways.

Ms. Barbara Allen, 3861 Azalea Dr Grants Pass OR 97526-8222, barb22@mandalaarts.com

The science is clear that removing trees near streams results in warmer stream temperatures and increased sedimentation which is harmful to sensitive fish habitat. Many streams that flow into the Rogue are already too warm, threatening the health of salmon and other native fish. Please don't leave southern Oregon streams behind. Please don't destroy southern Oregon streams with inaction.

Jeffrey Land, 1005 Talent Ave Talent OR 97540-9619, jeffland@jeffnet.org

Most states have stream and river buffers for farmland and logging. I'm very concerned that Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. I urge the Board to move forward with a rule making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways.

Ms. Andrea Pellicani, 388 S Marple St Coos Bay OR 97420-3251, artspace@sonic.net

I live in southern Oregon and I'm very concerned that Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. I urge the Board to move forward with a rule making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways. We are ready have lower fish populations in our rivers. Right now, streamside forests in southern Oregon may be clear-cut as close as 20 feet from streams that support salmon and steelhead. The science is clear that removing trees near streams results in warmer stream temperatures and increased sedimentation which is harmful to sensitive fish habitat. Many streams that flow into the Rogue are already too warm, threatening the health of salmon and other native fish.

Meredith Lowry, 180 Van Ness Ave Ashland OR 97520-1734, mlowry1955@aol.com

I am very concerned that the Siskiyou area of Oregon has been excluded from the 2017 stream buffer regulations. I ask you to please rectify this situation so that rivers in this area (primarily the Rogue River) and their salmon runs can be protected from the warming which occurs if sizeable stream buffers are not maintained during logging. I ask you, please, to move forward with a rulemaking process to improve stream buffer protections for southern Oregon streams under the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Please don't leave us behind.

Joanne McCann, 3218 Larue Dr Medford OR 97504-5748, jsmccann@sbcglobal.net

I am a commercial river guide and fisherman in southwest Oregon. Over the past 40 years, I've watched many deep fishing holes get filled in by gravel to the point that wide, shallow areas are all that are left. I'm very concerned that Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. I urge the Board to move forward with a rule making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways.

Mr. Steven Tichenor, 636 Bolt Mountain Rd Grants Pass OR 97527-9535, steven tichenor@hotmail.com

Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon stream ecosystems, including the ecotone containing stream and riparian zone, from damage and degradation due to logging on private lands. The Board needs to fix this with rules to improve stream buffer standards for our waterways. At present stream-side forests in southern Oregon may be clear-cut as close as 20 feet on streams that support salmon and steelhead. The science is clear (along with obvious common sense) that removing trees near streams results in warmer stream temperatures and increased sedimentation which is harmful to fish habitat. Numerous streams that flow into the Rogue are already too warm, threatening the health of salmon and other native fish. Please act quickly to improve stream buffer protections for southern Oregon streams under the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

Mr. John Schinnerer, 400 Fernwood Dr Ashland OR 97520-1612, john@eco-living.net

The Oregon and California Lands Act has left southern Oregon in a checkerboard. We southern Oregonians need responsible and sustainable forestry from both the timber industry and our public land managers. Please provide a larger buffer protection for the water that is habitat for many.

Brodia Minter, 779 Oak St Ashland OR 97520-1262, Brodia@kswild.org

I live in Azalea, Oregon and have seen the destruction of local streams by logging roads crossing streams. One of my neighbors said the new state forester has allowed her to cut closer to the creeks than in the past!

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Do not disregard Southern Oregon streams!!! Our streams ALSO need to be protected from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. Therefore, I urge you to move forward with a rulemaking process to improve stream buffer protections for southern Oregon streams under the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

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For Oregon's economy, for children's futures, for clean air, better tourism and a healthier ecosystem and state, STREAMS NEED PROTECTED, AND CLEARCUTS NEED TO BE LEGALLY PROHIBITED!

Hal Anthony, 3995 Russell Rd Grants Pass OR 97526-9781, threepines@centurylink.net

Please don't leave southern Oregon streams behind. Create at minimum a border for logging that does not impact the health of streams and their occupants. At best, do we really need to log away our co2 sinks found in trees? Can't we be smarter & more effective in our use of lumber? We suggest 100' minimums for protecting homes from fires. Don't our streams deserve better than 20'?

Ms. P Quillian, 120 Faith Cir Talent OR 97540-9630, waterlotus@peoplepc.com

I am a lifelong Oregonian. I cherish the waters and the forests, the fish and the flowers that have made this place my home for 79 years. The need for streamside trees to maintain fish-friendly temperatures in the water where salmonids rear and spawn is clear and I am happy to see that you have put rules in place for protecting such buffer trees for many Oregon streams. However, you have left out such protections for our southern Oregon waterways, which I have to say is ridiculous. I am very concerned that Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the threat of logging on private forestlands. Southern Oregon streams are among most productive salmon waters in the state, and southern Oregon's summer temperatures are some of the highest in the state. It makes no sense to leave out buffer protections for this area. I urge the Board to move forward with a rule- making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways. You need to move forward with a rulemaking process to improve stream buffer protections for southern Oregon streams under the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

Mrs. Carol Ampel, 1014 Black Oak Dr Medford OR 97504-8508, cdampel@charter.net

Southern Oregon is home to one of the last strongholds for salmon and steelhead. It is irresponsible not to give southern Oregon streams like the Rogue, Illinois, and Chetco the same protections as elsewhere in the state.

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Right now, streamside forests in southern Oregon may be clear-cut as close as 20 feet from streams that support salmon and steelhead. The science is clear that removing trees near streams results in warmer stream temperatures and increased

sedimentation which is harmful to sensitive fish habitat. Many streams that flow into the Rogue are already too warm, threatening the health of salmon and other native fish. In addition, many bird species use waterways and streamside buffers that provide food sources, particularly during their migration and nesting season. Also, reducing buffers for streams would add to not only increased water temperatures but severe sedimentation should a fire destroy riparian habitats weakened by fire(s).

Mr. Vince Zauskey, PO Box 1361 Ashland OR 97520-0046, vzauskey@gmail.com

I am dismayed by the huge clearcuts going very close to the edge of rivers and denuding small streams and drainages. Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. I urge the Board to move forward with a rule making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways. It is your job to protect our streams and fisheries.

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Our nation and our people are nothing without our healthy thriving land. We are the same. How we treat the land is how we treat ourself.

Mr. Steven Sirianni, PO Box 1090 Ashland OR 97520-0051, Ashlandia.ss@gmail.com

I'm very concerned that Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. I urge the Board to move forward with a rule making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways. I am a landowner in forested(or cut) area of Jackson County. I see no conceivable reason for landowners in southern Oregon, or anyplace, to be exempt from the moral imperitive of protecting our watersheds. It is a necessary act of a landowner to protect your own and surrounding areas from degredation. Owning a piece of land does not provide reason to do what you want on it and pass on the consequences of recklessness to other people/waters/fish/streamsides Water quality, water availability and healthy streamsides are imperative for our entire state at all times. DO NOT leave southern oregon out of the stongest protection to our waterways available. Please don't leave southern Oregon streams behind.

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Public comment urging the Board to find that the Protecting Coldwater Criterion ("PCW") is not being met under the current forest practices rules in the Siskiyou Region

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It stuns me that at this time in history we have to ask ODF to protect watersheds in Oregon. I'm very concerned that Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. How could you be so blind to the negative impacts of logging near a stream? I urge the Board to move forward with a rule making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways. The selfishness of logging is destroying ecosystems around the world. We in Oregon should be leading the fight to protect streamside ecosystems. But right now, streamside forests in southern Oregon may be clear-cut as close as 20 feet from streams that support salmon and steelhead. This is nuts. The science is clear that removing trees near streams results in warmer stream temperatures and increased sedimentation which is harmful to sensitive fish habitat. Many streams that flow into the Rogue are already too warm, threatening the health of salmon and other native fish. And what about all of the other creatures that rely on riparian ecoysystems?

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Oregon's current stream riparian buffer zone rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forest lands. I urge the Board to move forward with a rule making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways. Right now, stream side forests in southern Oregon may be clear-cut as close as 20 feet from streams that support salmon and other spawning fish. The science is clear that removing trees near streams results in warmer stream temperatures and increased sedimentation which is harmful to sensitive fish habitat. Many streams that flow into the Rogue are already too warm, threatening the health of salmon and other native fish. I urge you to move forward with a rule making process to improve stream buffer protections for southern Oregon streams under the Oregon Forest Practices Act and also fund enforcement of environmental laws. It will take all the west coast states working together and passing legislation with funding for enforcement to improve salmon and steelhead populations that will be able to support dependent wildlife and recreational and commercial fisheries.

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Why do Oregon's current stream buffer rules NOT protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on PRIVATE forestlands. I urge the Board to move forward with a rule making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways! Right now, streamside forests in southern Oregon may be clear-cut as close as 20 feet from streams that support salmon and steelhead???!!! The science is clear that removing trees near streams results in warmer stream

temperatures and increased sedimentation which is harmful to sensitive fish habitat. Many streams that flow into the Rogue are already too warm, threatening the health of salmon and other native fish. Or Haven't you noticed how green it's getting? Or that the weather is reaching new extremes? I urge you to move forward with a rulemaking process to improve stream buffer protections for southern Oregon streams under the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Please don't leave southern Oregon streams to be destroyed.

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Stream side forests in southern Oregon may be clear-cut as close as 20 feet from streams that support salmon and steelhead. The science is clear that removing trees near streams results in warmer stream temperatures and increased sedimentation which is harmful to sensitive fish habitat. Many streams that flow into the Rogue are already too warm, threatening the health of salmon and other native fish. Please, I sincerely urge you to move forward with a rulemaking process to improve stream buffer protections for southern Oregon streams under the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Please don't leave southern Oregon streams behind. They need your help! Thank you for your time.

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With all my heart and pray that we awaken to our deep need to caretake our waterways. Our rivers and streams are what provide us the high quality of life we have here in the Rogue Valley and what makes this place special.

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I have helped survey streams for Salmon and seen the results of too much sediment from clear cutting. Salmon can't lay their eggs in this environment. Also sediment depletes the oxygen in the water and the lack of shade from trees causes water to warm depleting the oxygen even more A little wider buffer zone would also bring back grants from organizations who have currently pulled funds from Oregon because the buffer zones are not sufficient

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Southern Oregon streams and rivers deserve protection just as much as elsewhere in the state, if not more so! Our geology and soils and diverse, our trees tend to grow more slowly than elsewhere in the state, and our sensitive fish habitat can still be protected. What do we need? We need wider stream buffers, including on private land, so that logging does not impact the areas immediately adjacent to streams, creeks, and rivers. Wider buffers will shade streams, keeping water temperatures lower, and keeping sediment out of the water. Not to mention habitat connectivity for all the wildlife that makes use of riparian areas. I urge you to move forward with a rulemaking process to improve stream buffer protections for southern Oregon streams under the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Remember the magnificent forests and streams of southern Oregon, including the Siskiyous and Rogue River watershed.

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I pray that we will realize that we are our rivers, streams, and forests. I hope we can offer respect to the natural resources that provide us life by managing them mindfully. It is painful to live in a time when I feel I cannot bring children into the world because they may not have the most basic needs like clean air and water. There are currently 1,000,000 species on the brink of extinction primarily due to land use practices and secondly due to climate change, we know that clear cuts greatly contribute to both habitat destruction and climate change, lets wise up and be leaders in the miraculous restoration of our planet, or at least live with some dignity intact. I'm very concerned that Oregon's current stream buffer rules don't protect southern Oregon streams from the impacts of logging on private forestlands. I urge the Board to move forward with a rule making process to strengthen stream buffer standards for our waterways.

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