

Additional Information Submitted with Campaign Message:

I moved here 15 years ago because of the beauty and ideals I believe this state holds. I am learning some of them are not as true as I would have believed. Other states have enacted stricter rules to protect PEOPLE as well as wildlife with out bring the timber industry to it's knees. Oregon can as well. Let's be an example to "sustainable" (nothing really is) forest use, not a horrible warning.

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Years ago, while hunting in the coast range I saw a coho stream feel the effects of logging. We had over the years watched as these fish spawned. Once the logging operation occurred, and done legally, the coho did not return in the next six years we hunted the area. It is hard to protect to a stream from the effects of logging when the slope and all riparian protections are in a vertical dimension. I called ODFW who examined the site. I was told all regulations were followed.

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Wild salmon need our protection. Cutting trees too close to streams increases the water temperature. I urge you to move forward with a rule-making process to improve stream buffer protections for the Siskiyou Region. Thank you

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns for the coldwater streams of southern Oregon that provide critical habitat for the region's iconic salmon, steelhead, trout and lamprey. As a coastal community member and business owner I am appalled at Oregon's weak forestry laws and lack of habitat protections. Excluding the Siskiyou from the last streamside buffers (which aren't enough anyway and well below Washington's standards) was a huge mistake. These important fish populations are threatened by insufficient stream buffers, which fail to provide the streamside habitat that creates shade to support coldwater conditions required for the populations to remain viable now and into the future.

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