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Board of Forestry,

We are at a crossroads. Things must change. You must BE that change.

Our line on the Oregon Coast in Manzanita ~~and~~ at the base of Neah-Kahleet Mountain, the outflow of the Nehalem River. We are surrounded by miles of clearcuts, that are sprayed to death multiple times over. Our neighbors in Rockaway have been grazed with a water sled so damaged it is barely functional. Silt gathers in the river — yes from the unrelenting decimation of forest soils laid bare by clearcutting. Water no longer soaks into the soil, it races down the steep slopes creating erosion <sup>and</sup> into the rivers.

Our once magnificent forests are replaced by the farms of mono-cropped trees. A tree farm is not a forest. We are at a tipping point and only YOU can make the big changes that are needed in stream buffers, stopping toxic spraying, stopping cutson extremely steep slopes. Forests need deference not decimation. We need them intact and it is your job to figure out how — and soon. Please be courageous for the future.

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