Biomass utilization opens the possibility of job creation in rural communities such as Oakridge.

We currently are working with the ODF and OSU exploring the development of processes and value added products utilizing biomass remaining from logging , road clearing, fuels reduction and thinning. Through those efforts a willing entrepreneur has joined us in this effort to set up a chipping operation in Oakridge which under present allowances will yield sufficient tonnage to employ 2 to 6 jobs. This is a positive increase for Oakridge. I am attaching a jobs forecast to illustrate the possibilities should biomass yields be increased.

Another possibility would be to develop a process to manufacture clean burning woodstove bricks form low end biomass residues such as hog fuel. This would be a huge contribution to our efforts to reduce our current over spec wood stove emissions while not changing the culture of our community.

Our wood resources should be exploited to the nth degree to provide jobs and clean environmental conditions.

JOHN MILANDIN, CHAIRMAN OAKRIDGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CHIP YARD MANNING PROJECTION WITH NEEDED FEEDSTOCK IN GREEN TONS, GT

<u>DEVELOPED COLLABORATIVELY WITH PROSPECTIVE OPERATOR BY</u> <u>MARCUS KAUFMAN,ODF, DAVID SMITH,OSU, LOUIS GOMEZ,CA OAKRIDGE,</u> <u>MAYOR JERRY SHOREY, AND JOHN MILANDIN</u> 10/15,2013

	NUMBER OF JOBS		
JOB	12,000 GT	60,000GT	150,000GT
WOODS	3	15	30
LOG TRUCK	1	5	10
CHIP MILL	2	4	6
CHIP TRUCK	1	5	10
TOTAL	7	29	56

OWNERS SAID THEY WOULD BEGIN OPERATIONS IN OAKRIDGE IF THEY COULD GET AS A START 12,000 GT, SUSTAINABLE AND RAMP UP FROM THERE. THEY THEN COULD EXPAND OPERATIONS TO PRODUCE OTHER PRODUCTS SUCH AS BIOCHAR, PELLETS/BRICKS ETC.

PAY FOR MILL WORKERS AND OTHERS EMPLOYED BY THESE OPERATORS WOULD BE \$18 TO \$20 PER HOUR WITH BENEFITS.