

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources,

For many years I have been advocating to balance the management of our State Forest for recreation and environmental reasons to the benefit of all. I have appeared at the Forestry Board to lend my voice to these causes. Now I urge you to act and provide the means to help fund valuable and crucial programs to aid in these pursuits.

I strongly urge you to support Policy Option Packages 131, 132, and 133 for the Department of Forestry. Crucial state forest recreation, education, research, and monitoring programs are drastically underfunded, which significantly compromises the value provided by the Tillamook & Clatsop state forests to Oregonians.

These allocations will go a long way in allowing the Department of Forestry to provide the comprehensive, science-based management that Oregonians expect from these lands.

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