

I urge the Natural Resources Subcommittee of the Joint Ways and Means Committee to allocate general fund money to the Oregon Department of Forestry in order to allow this agency to carry out important recreation, research, and monitoring projects in the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests.

The specific funding requests are:

Recreation, Education, and Interpretation \$1.4 million

Research and Monitoring Programs \$650,000

Recreation-Related Work by South Fork Camp Inmates \$750,000

This money will go a long way in allowing the Department of Forestry to provide the balanced management that Oregonians expect from these lands.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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