

Members of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources,

My wife and I are among the majority of Oregonians that use and value our State Forests for much, much more than stumpage.

Clean water, intact diverse forest communities, tourism, fishing in salmon rich streams, camping and bird watching are all used by non-hunting Oregonians and non-timber industry Oregonians.

Therefore it is reasonable and a good idea to set up funding for our State Forests that come from more than logging. Taxes we Oregonians pay should be part of running our State Forests.

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.

Fund our forests as more than tree farms. Fund them with our tax dollars since so many of us get great values out of the State Forest watersheds and intact forests.

Too long have logging companies run ODF via controlling their budgets. Please stop this bad practice with new ways to fund some of ODF's operations.

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