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### **The Association of Northwest Steelheaders Supports Policy Option Packages 131, 132, and 133**

Co-Chair Devlin, Co-chair Rayfield, and Committee members,

The Association of Northwest Steelheaders supports POP's 131, 132 and 133. Funding these packages brings into balance that which was lost in the recession just a few years ago. The Oregon Department of Forestry had to drastically reduce key personnel that provided important services to the citizens of Oregon. As Oregonians that rely on healthy returns of wild salmon, this POP package recognizes the recreational and social values that our state forests provide as well as the need for our forests to provide an educational component for the citizens of Oregon.

The agency has been forced to maintain the timber harvest personnel that fund important projects and county receipts but other important programs have had to be sidelined while ODF needed to stabilize its funding base. It's time to restore these important programs so that the true meaning of the Greatest Permanent Value can once again bring balance into state forest management.

Thank you,  
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