



March 27, 2017

TO: Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Representative Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Collins Pine

SUBJECT: Full funding for the Oregon Department of Forestry Federal Forest Restoration Program

Collins Pine is writing to express our strong support for full funding of the Oregon Department of Forestry Federal Forest Restoration Program at \$4.4 million in the 2017-2019 biennium budget. This investment, as demonstrated in the last two biennium, is critical to increasing the pace, scale, and effectiveness of restoration of Oregon's federal forests.

Collins Pine is a 162 year old family owned business that is headquartered in Oregon and has 347 employees and 62,977 acres of forestland in Oregon.

Our two manufacturing facilities in Klamath Falls and Lakeview are dependent upon the supply of federal timber from our surrounding national forests for our on-going operations. This cannot be understated the importance of the federal timber supply and management to our operations and to our communities.

Since 1998 we have worked diligently with the Fremont-Winema National Forest to improve their forest management to deal with the forest health issues that are present and that pose a threat to our own forest management and forest health and productivity. Progress has been made but there is more to do.

We applaud the state of Oregon for taking the initiative to recognize the importance of the federal lands to the communities in Oregon and for their landmark Federal Forest Restoration Program over the last two years. We have seen results locally and regionally from this investment. We strongly encourage the full funding for the program going forward at \$4.4 million for 2017-19 to further leverage what has been done and to continue to make a difference in

federal forests in our rural communities. The timing is crucial for both the forests and for our communities.

Thank you for supporting this important program.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul M. Harlan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" being the most prominent.

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