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Please support the Safe Water Act. All of the drinking watersheds in Oregon deserve the same protections as Portland's Bull Run watershed.

Due to the pending Stimson Lumber logging and aerial spraying of the Oceanside/Cape Meares drinking watershed I sold my home in Oceanside.

Rockaway Beach residents were given notices in their monthly bills that their water contained cancer-causing chemicals following the clear cut turbidity. Then residents were exposed toxic aerial spraying.

I worked with the Oceanside Clean Water Committee for several years to prevent this public health hazard from coming to our town. DEQ, our legislators, Regional Solutions, the Environmental Quality Commission, and the Board of Forestry have all failed to act. The laws must change.

This is a public health issue. As a child psychologist the research is clear that children are developmentally vulnerable to environmental toxins.

The coastal drinking watersheds comprise an extremely small percentage of logging lands. Timber companies could engage in land swaps to allow these parcels to be in conservancy. The Oceanside drinking watershed is by Cape Meares State Park and drains into the Three Arches Rocks National Wildlife Refuge.

Our citizens, our water and our lands deserve protection. Our tourist and real estate industries should not have to suffer the negative publicity when the truth is revealed about Oregon's dirty secret—we allow the timber industry to put cancer-causing chemicals in our water.

Please rectify this public health problem. Endorse the Safe Water Act.

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