

Arielle Olson <ariellenolson@me.com>

As residents of Oceanside for the past 24 years, we are devoted to this community and want to trust the purity of its water supply. Many states require much wider buffer zones than Oregon requires, to protect water sources like our Short Creek. We are distressed that the slopes above the creek will be clearcut, with the forest no longer filtering the water that drains down to the creek. With increased turbidity, there will have to be increased use of harsh chemicals to bring Oceanside's water into compliance with EPA standards. Even if the buffer zone is expanded to 100 feet, it will not prevent greater turbidity.

Small coastal communities cannot afford to own large, protective watersheds, so we need protective legislation.

We support H2526 and hope that legislators will, too. Arielle and Clarence Olson