

Representative of the Oregon Legislature;

We did not receive a log in to the participate in the zoom meeting scheduled for 5:30 PM on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Our power was out until nearly meeting time so it is possible the email giving instruction for logging into the session was delayed.

Our family and business are not connected on Facebook and feel very disconnected from the discussions, decisions and announcements relative to rebuilding and the challenges of a return to normal life on the North Fork of the Santiam. Due to the fires destroying our home on the North Fork and our business gone, we rarely get information in time to attend community input events. Surely, there are other people like us who live in rural America and have limited knowledge of or technical resources to participate in testimony. It would be a great service to us if we could receive printed postal mail in time to plan for meetings that impact our area and the rebuilding of the North Fork of the Santiam following the Beechie Creek Fires.

It is our hope that we will be able to reach the ears of the people who make the decisions to lessen the burden of bureaucracy so that we can go forward. It took seventeen months to get a permit to restore our home and we are still in contention with the county to have our buildings for service permitted. We operated a camp for people with special needs for over forty years on the site that burned and the county has delayed permitting the rebuild for unsubstantial reasons.

Is there a way to have an ear and voice? Appreciate any help you can offer.

Thank you for your response,

Jerry and Laura Pierce  
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