

Hello,

My name is Ken Nygren. I am a family forestland owner in Oregon as well as a professional forester. I am also the current President of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association.

Oregon Small Woodlands Association is a non-profit organization, established in 1960, representing the interests of Oregon's 65,000 family forest owners, who own and manage 35% of Oregon's forests; with the average ownership size of 150 acres.

Oregon Small Woodlands Association appreciates being a part of the Private Forest Accord as one of the thirteen landowner community representatives. We support passage of Senate Bill 1501 with the -1 amendment along with its companion bills SB 1502 with an amendment yet to be posted and HB 4055 and the -2 amendment.

We appreciate the special consideration given to small forestland owners for the disproportionate impact implementing this type of legislation creates by providing provisions to support our members with financial assistance, technical guidance, and more flexible implementation options.

We look forward to working with the Oregon Department of Forestry during the rule-making process to create pragmatic, scientifically grounded rules that will allow us to continue to realize our sustainable management goals for our property.

Thank you for allowing me to express our support for these bills today.