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Hello Natural Resource Committee.

Based on the following reasons... I support this Bill.

1 when a States borders are defined it is for the State to manage all the resources in the best interest of the People of that State.

A look at the mis management of National Forest lands shows blatant neglect and dismal response of wildfires.

In recent years we have seen fires burn unaddressed for 8 to 15 days on NFS lands. State of Oregon has a much better response and thus shows local management is responsive management.

2 Currently a Linn co Lawsuit joined by some 12 or 13 counties for loss of timber receipts since NFS was given back certain lands has been appealed to yet a higher court. Why ? Clearly a look at these Counties shows the loss of timber revenues has done harm to school funding and Law Enforcement and has added a property tax burden on the citizens that is unjust :(

3 NFS was created in 1905 under USDA (meaning to facilitate and conduct sales of resources in a way that benefits the citizens).

Throwing money at fighting wildfires neglected for a week or more shows contempt and is a total benefit to growing a bureaucracy, at taxpayer expense... where sustained logging and land management would save us from throwing bad money at the loss of potential sustainable incomes to the communities.

4 local government is more responsive and has incentive in utilizing sustained management where as NFS appears to see wildfires as Nature and appear to control burns in a direction away from housing and letting winter weather put the fire out. (true of a host of recent wildfires like Cedar ck fire, Gayles ck fire, Jack leg, bootleg, Biscuit fire, Chetco fire, White river fire and the list could go long).

Yes Yellow stone fire had Powers to be apologizing for allowing it to do so much damage.

5 Neglected forest lands fuel wildfire... talked to a forester today and he said Forests with clean forest floors tend to ride on tree tops but when you leave fuels on the forest floors you suffer much more damage to Plants, Animals and water sources (if I said that right).

6 Wildfires happen, climate changes, weather conditions as well as many other factors drive fires... the faster the response the better for all involved.

As a kid in the 1960s I was told citizens could be compelled to fight fires.

My 1st real paycheck I was a Freshmen in High School when we spotted a fire on

BLM lands... I went up with loggers and worked beside them not knowing I would get a paycheck for 4 of the 6 hours I spent on the Hill :) i STILL HAVE THE RECIEPT ! and remember the worst case of poison oak in my life.  
Please pass this Bill and lets keep Oregon Green.  
Mark