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Senator David Brock Smith
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Re: SB 795

February 24, 2023

Dear Senators Girod & Smith,

Thank you for your sponsorship of SB 795 directing the State Board of Forestry (BOF), under certain conditions, to convey state forest trust lands back to the counties.

As you well know, valuable input from the Forest Trust Lands Advisory Committee (FTLAC) has been ignored by the BOF for years in its push for an ever-more restrictive Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) that further constrains sustainable-yield harvest revenues to the counties. Testimony submitted by the Council of Forest Trust Lands Counties (CFTLC) has similarly been disregarded. We now face a harvest reduction of yet another 30 percent.

The people of the affected counties have had enough. We no longer trust the state and its appointees to ensure that our interests are protected on these "trust" lands. The people are awakened to the scam now: the BOF is a tool of the far left and globalists that foisted on us the spotted owl hoax, among other strategies to choke our self-sustenance and force us into greater reliance on a State with increasingly centralized power structures.

I could not more enthusiastically support your bill, and I encourage every freedom-loving American in Oregon to do the same.

In Liberty,

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