

My name is Terry Bostwick. I am a property owner in Tillamook County on West Fork Coal Creek, which is a year round tributary to the Lower Nehalem River. The creek meanders through a section of the Tillamook State Forest and also through private timber land. As do all of our neighbors, and all families that live along watersheds throughout Oregon, I have a creekside shallow well and rely on it for ALL our drinking water. It's purity is essential to our wellbeing as well as the wellbeing of the salmon, other wildlife and plantlife living in the forest.

During my years living here I have committed myself and our property to a serious riparian restoration along the creek as well as a neighborhood log placement effort to revitalize and restore salmon to our watershed. But we in the area have also lived and watched with the worry and concern for damage that might occur to that watershed due to unthoughtful upstream logging, spraying and replanting along the creek canyon above us. I am blessed to own this incredible little piece but I also carry a big responsibility during my stay here to return it to the rich place it once was.

I understand and support the need for lumber as an essential part of living in our homes building communities and more, and I am also very supportive of those neighbor families who live and work in Tillamook and Clatsop counties. My wife works with the children in the Neahkanie School District and cares about them all and their families. But we also feel that the current state of timber appropriation is unbalanced and unsustainable to the whole picture in these beautiful Coast Range counties. Unfortunately, the area is regularly stripped, cleared, poisoned, and replanted in a manner purely for profit and not even a semblance of beauty, vitality, nor balance.

BALANCE is the issue and we feel that this Habitat Conservation Plan is a wonderful and critical step in reestablishing that balance. Please do not change or alter this plan.

We have to remember this is our State Forest, for the people of Oregon and the rest of our country. It is not here for the benefit of a few wealthy profiteers to use at their discretion at the expense of the health and vitality of what was once an incredible and abundant natural land and watershed. Please consider this critical balance, there is plenty for us all to thrive and still enjoy these State Forests. Thank you.

