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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Daniel Newton. I am a family forest landowner in Douglas County, with 630 acres that we have managed on a sustainable basis for more than 40 years. I am a professional forester, who has worked in the industry for more than 40 years, a member of the Society of American Foresters, and currently serving as President-Elect for the Oregon Small Woodlands Association. I have worked collaboratively on two ODF stream rule committees and was a founding member of the Watershed Research Cooperative and the Hinkle Creek Watershed Research project. I think of forestry as an applied science which also includes biology, silviculture, economics, ecology, hydrology, fire suppression, careful stewardship, and other factors, including politics. The state forester should have training and experience in these, including time as a field forester. In addition, this position should not be a political appointee from the governor's office. Forestry in Oregon has enough political influence already!

Thank you.

Daniel Newton