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My name is Cynthia George and I am the representative for my family for the last 4 generations and into the future,

I have been in constant contact with each and everyone of you with my concerns for the mid coastal watershed which includes my families residence. For the last almost 8 yrs there has been an assault on the few remaining stands of older trees that are protecting the waters of the entire mid coast. It is also very disheartening that many who sat out to destroy our environment also met as stakeholders to plan out their strategy. In 2022 there was a release of many studies including the 5 year Mid Coast Watershed Council and the 2 year city of Toledo Water plan. As these studies lay out the need for funding to improve water sources they allowed, regulated, permitted, bought and traded thousands of the remaining small tracts to be logged off. Why? Because they knew we have destroyed the source water's and it may never recover.

We as a community of parents and Grandparents have begged for testing and protection of this watershed but it fell on deaf ears and hardened hearts. Now my family sits below clearcuts as far as the eye can see except for one remaining tract of 60-100plus aged trees. The sad thing is the elder who protected his lands has crossed on and the kids are selling right away. This 27 acres at 396 Pioneer Trail is all this landslide area, cut touched for decades while timber companies have harvested over and over. The Or. Forestry has been complacent and rude for the last 4 years as the logging ramped up from 3am -and sometimes into the night. Pioneer Trail is the road Weyerhaeuser uses to strip the mountains everywhere around pioneer mountain using the east junction on Hwy 20 into the mill. The last protection of the Olalla creek watershed and the spraying of herbicides and pesticides on every acre, is the clearcut called the boot. It was notified as the rules changed in July 2023 but I was told as long as they gave notice, nothing could stop it.

I would like any written determination as to how clearcut logging was allowed on steep slopes over watersheds and creeks? Now to this remaining 27 acres at 396

Pioneer Trail Toledo Oregon and also another small partial behind our property. We all live in a landslide bowl as is displayed on these maps. OR Dept of Forestry allowed the mountain tops of this landslide area to be logged off. Our family sits in the middle of this hazard area. There are houses all around and below our property and we are all now at serious risk if this last strip of the mountain top is removed after it is sold.

Before a tree is removed, we need to know the regulators not only are aware but do

their job and have set backs from the serious slopes on this hazard sight. As a spokesman for our family and the harm that we have suffered due to water quality failures to protect our watershed from possible illegal taking of the waters in the upper Olalla creek watershed along hwy 20 by Georgia Pacific Paper Mill but also the total clearing of the surrounding mountain in a hazard zone. It is an issue as the county tax office inflates property values yet our property is being devalued by the state of Oregon's failures to enforce compliance rules set forth in the Oregon Forest Practice Rules and the Forest Practice Act Jan 2024.

Please take this as a written assertion of legal standing for damages to our family resources and the future of all life in Lincoln County for generations.

On Dec 15th 2024 the first windstorm brought the few remaining old ones down on the last house and killed a young man as he slept. Everything around him and us is gone. Now they came back and took all the old ones on top before they fell. You cant just leave a few. We suffer droughts now and failed watersheds. You failed to protect watersheds and lives.