

If Governor Kate Brown has issued emergency order #20-04 that now has potentially given full authority to The Board of Forestry under ORS 526.016, for implementation of establishing a forest and climate change carbon plan, under the Forest Practice Act, I urge the committee to completely reject -3 amendment. Appointments to this board from any governing body are a gross conflict of interest. This is not a balanced approach.

As stated, Goal One of planning in Oregon is citizen involvement. There is no citizen involvement, accountability or transparency with appointments to this land/forest board, which essentially will affect every facet of our lives, including the livelihoods of all working families and all Oregon forest statewide.

Furthermore, there is bipartisan support stating catastrophic wildfires are due to poor forest mismanagement. Even Governor Brown herself said the same. I have sited and included, quotes from Senator Ron Wyden and Senator Fred Girod as well.

I am also including an article or two from Nature magazine about harvesting timber. One states the following. "Most of our current knowledge of the impact of forest management on climate change, however, is based on models and site-scale evidence, and real-world empirical information about the performance of diverse forest management strategies in relation to carbon storage and SM at larger observational scale is still needed." <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-019-13798-8>

Superior balanced forest management will stop an onslaught of carbon emissions. You will need a vast array of unbiased scientists on both sides of the spectrum, to have a meeting of the minds, as to which is the best way to move forward. As stated above in the cited Nature article, the real time data is not even available. A biased and appointed board with an agenda is not data or science driven. And again, If the board will be in charge of our livelihoods and land, then the people need decide. Remember Goal One of land planning in the State of Oregon is citizen involvement. There is no capability of that, while hidden behind an emergency order under an appointed board.

"Forest management, when implemented correctly, can not only reduce the number of devastating wildfires that rage every year but also the billions of tons of carbon dioxide emissions that result from them as well, researchers have determined. The mitigation potential for avoiding deforestation, implementing forest management activities, increasing harvest rotations and reforestation and afforestation could reduce carbon dioxide emissions by up to 6.6 billion tons a year by 2055, according to a study published Tuesday in Nature magazine. <https://www.yahoo.com/gma/forest-management-could-reduce-carbon-160200121.html>

Oregon Sen. Fred Girod, R-Stayton, told the Oregon Board of Forestry to remember the value of the timber industry and the communities surrounding state forests as they're finalizing post-wildfire logging plans. "Timber money is extremely important to these communities," he said. "I can't stress that enough."

Girod said he blames poor forest management for the wildfire that burned down his house and believes more logging is needed to guard against future wildfires.

"To say I'm a little bit upset about it is an understatement," he said. "And the board is considering all these different small factors. But the one you're leaving out is the people that had their homes destroyed and what they think. They want to make it so it's safe from fire."

<https://www.opb.org/article/2021/03/12/oregon-wildfires-2020-logging-rules-environmental-problems/?fbclid=IwAR3w7rlyFepIzcx-VKPKniXfvtK07qlwLQFdFLVLlfx9EpURsv6ayBkBPU>

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown (D) told CBS News' "Face the Nation" Sunday that the massive fires devastating the West Coast are a result of "decades of mismanagement of our forests in this country" <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/transcript-governor-kate-brown-on-face-the-nation-september-13-2020/>