

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Stephen Albrechtsen and I have been teaching in Oregon public schools for 17 years. I am writing in support of OFRI. The Oregon Forest Resource Institute has provided field trip resources for my school district, that my students would not have been able to participate in, had it not been for OFRI. OFRI has also provided me with the highest quality professional development that I have experienced as a teacher.

Eliminating OFRI would be a significant loss for all students across Oregon. In a time when Oregon students have been given a the biggest setback in their educational career, they will need all hands on deck to restore the loss. OFRI is there for students to learn about the value of a healthy productive environment. It provides curriculum that will help provide sustainability to Oregon's forest.

Oregon students benefitted from OFRI when it started, buy given teachers curriculum that was aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards, giving many science teachers opportunity to be current on these newly implemented standards. Oregon students benefitted by OFRI support, by giving them opportunities to participate in Envirothon and forestry related student conferences and career expo's. Oregon students will continue to benefit from OFRI as long as it is here.

Eliminating OFRI would be a slap in the face for students K-12 in Oregon. OFRI will continue to support students and give them experiences, to love the state they call home.

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