



# The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

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Re: Letter of Support for Oregon State Senate Bill 1546-1

Honorable Members of the Oregon Legislature:

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (CTGR) is comprised of numerous Tribes and bands from western Oregon as well as communities in southwestern Washington and northern California. After a series of negotiations with the Federal Government in 1851 that resulted in broken promises and unratified treaties, my relatives and Ancestors signed treaties that Congress ratified in the early to mid-1850's. These treaties include the Rogue River Treaties of 1853 and 1854, the Treaty with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua, the Treaty with the Umpqua and Calapooia, the Treaty with the Chasta, Scoton and Umpqua and the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855.

Today, we are writing to respectfully urge the passage of Senate Bill 1546-1 (SB 1546-1), which creates the Elliott State Research Forest, and for you to approve funding to decouple the forest from the Common School Fund.

We believe the legislation before you establishing the Elliott State Research Forest keeps the forest publicly owned, achieves important conservation outcomes, lays the foundation for world-class research, supports rural economic vitality and generates the revenue to be self-sustaining. After nearly three years of work, there now exists a historic opportunity.

We urge you to support and pass SB 1546-1; establishing the Elliott State Research Forest. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A. Kennedy  
Tribal Council Chairwoman  
The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Cc:

The Honorable Kate Brown, Governor  
The Honorable Tobias Read, Treasurer  
The Honorable Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State

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