



PACIFIC FOREST TRUST

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February 9, 2022

Oregon Legislative Assembly
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Re: Letter of Support for Natural and Working Lands Bill (SB 1534)

Dear Oregon Senators and Representatives,

Pacific Forest Trust strongly supports the Natural and Working Lands Bill (SB 1534). This legislation would provide a framework supporting Oregon's stewards to manage for increased carbon sequestration and climate resilience and thrive economically in the process.

The financial incentives that this measure would help bring to forestland owners and rural, timber-dependent communities are indeed significant. Forest management that increases carbon sequestration also increases timber supplies, further supporting economic resilience. For example, the Van Eck Forest in Lincoln County, which is protected and managed by Pacific Forest Trust, has yielded enough pulp for a million reams of paper and enough timber to frame 2,500 average houses, all while doubling the amount of carbon on the property.

In addition, this measure would benefit all Oregonians through the many co-benefits of managing for increased carbon sequestration and climate resilience. Healthy forests improve the quality and quantity of our drinking water, provide habitat for rare species, and are more resilient to the wildfires which have so deeply affected our state.

As such, we respectfully request that you help forestland owners achieve their financial and environmental goals by voting in favor of this measure.

Sincerely,

Laurie A. Wayburn
President & Co-Founder