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It has been a long hard road to get to this point on the Private Forest Accord. Successfully implementing the accord will provide more certainty for forest landowners and improve protections for clean water and fish for years to come. But we need to get a federally approved HCP by the end of 2027 or we go back to the constant discord, lawsuits, uncertainty, and inadequate water quality and poor salmon habitat.

The state must demonstrate its commitment to fund this core conservation program, federal approval of the plan is put in jeopardy.

Please. Please support Senate Bill 5521 to fully fund \$10 million for the SFISH grant program for small forestland owners and \$6 million for the adaptive management program to evaluate the effectiveness of the new rules in the Department of Forestry's budget.

Sincerely

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