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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Natural Resources

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5521

Dear Chairs Frederick and Levy and Committee Members,

I urge you to include full funding for the Oregon Forest Plan in this session's Department of Forestry's budget (SB 5521).

As a 5th generation Oregonian and someone who relies on our forests for stress relief in addition to their more tangible benefits (clean water, edible fish, harvestable lumber, biodiversity), I am thrilled that we are so close to a plan to include private forests in the state's ongoing stewardship of our resources. I understand we need to secure approval from the federal government for a Habitat Conservation Plan to continue in this process which has taken years to come to fruition, and that the deadline for doing so is approaching in 2027.

The SFISH grant program for small forestland owners should be fully funded at \$10 million and the Adaptive Management Program designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the new rules should be fully funded at \$6 million.

Thank you for your consideration.

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