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The Private Forest Accord (PFA) is the result of hard negotiations that adjusted state law regarding logging on private industrial forestlands. Its update of forest practices included significant improvements for clean water and fish recovery, and broke decades of gridlock on management of private industrial forestlands.

The success of the PFA hinges on funding of the Oregon Dept. Fish & Wildlife to complete its work on a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). If the work is funded, Oregon can secure improved protections for clean water and fish.

However, if the HCP goes unfunded, hard-won protections for clean water and fish could evaporate like a mirage because the HCP must be completed by December 31, 2027, under terms of the PFA.

Please support HB 5009 to ensure that state agency work on the HCP supporting the PFA is fully funded in the next two years.