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I am a lifelong Oregonian Mother and Grandmother treehugger who lives on the Oregon coast. Last year our county declared a state of emergency for drought and the depletion of the Siletz River which supplies our mid coastal drinking water needs. It is also the source water for the Georgia Pacific Mill that pulls over 11 million gallons a day and then discharges toxic waste by the millions into the ocean off Newport Oregon. It is and should be your main concern, the permitted discharges and taking of waters.

As I read SB 1154 it was exciting to see Oregon finally give voice to the waters right to be healthy for all of life but instead you decide to violate personal dwellings. Why when you won't nor have ever done the testing on the source waters nor demand compliance by the largest abusers of the source waters? You have done nothing to protect the drinking waters for millions from the contaminated city discharges nor corporation abuse but want to focus on my toilet, really! The city of Newport was discharging treated sewer right into the bay for weeks while tourist celebrate seafood and wine festival. Toledo discharges above on the same river and was leaking raw sewer into the wetlands. It goes on and on. Weyerhaeuser right now is applying deadly sprays over thousands of acres cleared as the log trucks roll by as I am writing. Not one test has been done to insure they are responsibly keeping away from our water sources because there is no protection from wells only the homesite. Wells do not sit at the house and many are too close to their application of 24D Roundup and even worse substances.

I have done all I can to bring these things to the attention of this County and State but you now want to violate our personal rights by forced entry on private lands. You want to fail by not focusing on the largest violators of water quality in Oregon which is the permitted discharges you profit off the destruction of our source waters.

Clean up your failed oversight of these toxic discharges before you ever knock on a home ever. You allowed Newport, Toledo, Seal Rock, Waldport Depoe Bay to haul biosolids to the farmers fields on the Siletz river without real oversight to the point where it killed many species and yet we were drinking it in city water and you as a tourist was drinking from this same source, Never has a chemical analysis been done BEFORE TREATMENT but we know the disenfectants were elevated in many city tests.

I could go on and on but bottom line is, you need to request entrance and ask for a partnership or stay off our lands.

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