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Natural Resources

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Hello, I'm a former Portland resident now living in WA who still deeply cares about Oregon and I'm writing in support of the forest accord for the following reasons: Private Forest Accord provides significant new protections for fish and stream-dwelling frogs and salamanders, for cold clean water, and for the people who rely on these resources.

? The Private Forest Accord takes Oregon out of years of gridlock about how private industrial forestlands are managed and brings Oregon closer to the protections that have been standard practice in Washington and California for years.

? The Private Forest Accord overhauls the existing Oregon Forest Practices Act to better protect wild salmon streams on more than 10 million acres of private Oregon forestlands.

It is imperative that the private forest accord be implemented and funded to preserve our forests health for generations to come. Thank you!