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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5009

Please support full funding in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's budget (HB 5009) for the Private Forest Accord Grant Program.

The Private Forest Accord provides standards and oversight for protection of forest streams and the riparian plants and aquatic animals that depend on them. It also protects local watersheds and clean water for nearby communities.

Without Oregon state logging rules and management, private clearcut areas will weaken adjacent intact forests, allowing temperatures to rise, the soils to dry and the wind speed to increase. Each of these changes can increase wildfire risk and wildfire severity for all who live in the area.