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SB 485-2 will make it possible for me to pass my timberland on to my heirs.

Realistically, in my 80's I cannot cut broom, backpack spray more than 5 hours daily and when I get home, exhausted, cleaned up, fix my dinner, I don't have the energy to write up a report of what I did—as required currently to document. Besides the physical labor, I spend time on taxes, OTFS certification, OSWA participation, and continuing education. In addition, I have other duties and responsibilities aside from tree farming that do take up some of my days.

My trees do not need me hovering over them daily. I just need to make sure that operations are carried out at the right time with the right operator, me or my designated operator. That is the correct definition of “active management.” Active management varies from season to season.

I have been trying to document, as required originally, and have filled up many pages but currently I am behind an entire month. Planting, grass control, and deer/elk protection have currently been my top priority and kept me occupied.

As this committee understands life's busy mix of requirements, duties, and activities for ourselves and our loved ones, you will know that the previous requirement of 75% of days was totally “over the top.” Good intentions aren't always practical to implement.

Thank you for paying attention to this improved bill. We tree farmers appreciate it.  
Keep Oregon Green and Growing!

Respectfully,  
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