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Attachments: NWOA ODF ltr 07-22-2015.pdf; BOF Riparian issue letter dated 1 April 2014.pdf

Dear Board Members,

Please see the attached comments from the National Woodland Owners Association regarding riparian buffers.

Best regards,

Tara

From: Dick Courter [mailto:genetechs@aaahawk.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 9:39 AM
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Tara

Would you kindly forward today the attached documents to the full Board including Staff and others working with the Board?

Thank You.

Dick Courter, ACF, CF
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Members

Oregon Board of Forestry

My name is Richard Courter, Chairman of the Board - National Woodland Owners Association (NWOA), Past President - Association of Consulting Foresters of America (ACF), and currently 2nd Vice President - Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA).

On July 21, 2015 the NWOA Board of Directors passed a unanimous resolution in full support of OSWA's positions to encourage the use of credible science for arriving at a decision concerning Riparian buffers.

Scientific documents supporting PCW criteria are not available. ODF modeling from which ODF Staff developed suggestions for Board consideration in our opinion is flawed and lacks transparency. Dr. Mike Newton's stream research work and work of other Oregon stream scientists has been largely ignored. Dr. Newton's work suggests that one size does not fit all situations and that one sided buffers can be more effective for controlling stream temperatures. Dr. Newton's research also shows that fish respond positively to minor increases in stream temperature.

All three staff developed packages presented for Board consideration will have high impact on Oregon family woodland owners. Package 1 proposing a two sided 90 foot no-cut zone and a variable retention target of 275 ft² per 1000 feet, and spatially extending 1,000 feet upstream from the main stem portions of SSBT streams would be extreme.

My family has owned timberland in Columbia County for nearly 75 years. Besides being a lifetime OSWA member and a long time member of NWOA, I have been a volunteer with the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) for over 40 years. I represented ACF on the ATFS National Operating Committee (NOC) and Chaired their National Public Affairs Committee (NPAC).

Attached is a copy of my earlier letter to the Board, suggesting that my family Tree Farm could be heavily encumbered. Many other NWOA and OSWA member properties would be impacted.

NWOA has noted that several States have the capability of reimbursing landowners who loose under taking circumstances, but rarely does that happen.

NWOA encourages the Board of Forestry to closely evaluate the effective costs to society of implementing more stringent no-cut buffers. ***PLEASE, KEEP WORKING FORESTS WORKING.***

Respectfully

Richard W. Courter, ACF, CF
Professional Consulting Forester
Chair, NWOA Board of Directors

April 1, 2014

Oregon Department of Forestry
Oregon Board of Forestry

I am a 53 acre family Tree Farm owner in Columbia County, Oregon, which has been in our family for over 50 years. We are lifetime Oregon Small Woodlands Association members and for over 25 years have been certified under the American Forest Foundation, American Tree Farm System certification program.

Our Tree Farm fronts on the Nehalem River with two additional streams traversing it. We support the current Oregon Forest Practices Act that restricts activity on about 8 acres adjacent to the river - or about 15 % of the property. These additional two streams are configured such that stricter rules could easily result in 40 to 60% or more of our property being extremely restrictive and unavailable for management activities.

Please delay rule making decisions until all relevant research and applicable sound science can be collected and reviewed.

We most ***DEFINITELY OPPOSE*** even stricter rules that does not consider all available research supported by applicable sound science.

Thank You.

Richard W. Courter

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