

To: Alternative Forest Management Plans Subcommittee
August 12, 2015 meeting

Re: Focus on drinking watershed protection

From: Meg Thompson
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After reviewing the draft proposals for the Alternative Forest Management Plans, our coalition would recommend a much more extensive focus on drinking watershed protection.

Those of us working to protect drinking water on the north coast would like to see protections from clear-cut induced turbidity that resulted in Arch Cape and Rockaway Beach placing a cancer-causing chemical alert in their water bills. All of our coastal drinking water faces risks from herbicides, landslides, quarry operations, road run-off, clear-cuts, etc.

To increase the conservation value of state forest lands and provide full protections to our drinking watersheds, the Oregon Board of Forestry should facilitate land protections and transfers so that every drinking watershed comes into full conservancy.