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From: launa frahm <launa@frahmfresh.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 6:59 AM
To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: Board decision on streamside buffers

Dear Chair Imeson,

As a farmer and landowner, I ask you to consider a measured approach to streamside buffers. Modern forest practices have nearly eliminated stream temperature impacts due to harvest, and scientific evidence shows that small temperature changes in headwater streams are not negatively impacting aquatic life.

While the environmental benefit of larger buffers is uncertain, the financial cost to landowners will be significant. The proposals advocated by some would cost Oregon landowners hundreds of millions of dollars. Package 1 would cost Oregon landowners over \$170 million! The impact of this decision would be felt most severely in rural areas already struggling to retain jobs.

As a farmer, I take pride in managing my land responsibly. However, decisions that impose new, large costs on landowners with little benefit to the environment threaten family farmers and woodlot owners, many of whom manage their forests for retirement or family investment purposes.

The decision you make regarding new stream protection measures will impact people's livelihoods, investments, and quality of life. I ask you to tailor solution to the size of the problem, rely on sound science, and take into account the family forest landowners who will undoubtedly be impacted by this decision. If you must make a decision on November 5, please take a measured approach and choose Package 2.

Sincerely,

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