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"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

DATE: April 8, 2009

TO: Oregonians with an Interest in Our Forests

FROM: John L. Blackwell, Chair
Oregon Board of Forestry

SUBJECT: 2009 Issue Scan

In challenging economic times such as these, thoughtful planning and priority-setting are more important than ever. With this in mind, the Board of Forestry is launching its 2009 biennial "issue scan," a key part of our planning cycle, and an opportunity for you to help us answer some key questions: What are the most important forest-related issues in Oregon today? What should the Board's priorities be as we work toward our goal of sound, sustainable management of Oregon's forests?

I'm writing to invite your participation in the 2009 issue scan, which will help us shape our agenda for the coming two years. You can provide your input by:

- Mailing your comments to Oregon Department of Forestry, Dan Postrel, 2600 State St., Building B, Salem, OR 97310.
- Emailing them through the Board's Web site at www.oregon.gov/odf/board
- Faxing them to Dan Postrel's attention, at (503) 945-7212

Electronic or faxed submissions must be received by **5 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2009**, and written submissions must be postmarked by that date.

We ask that you limit your description of each proposed issue to 500 words.

The Board's overarching policies, goals and objectives are described in our *Forestry Program for Oregon*. Consistent with that document, we have developed a series of work plans addressing major issues. The Board also has endorsed a set of indicators that all Oregonians can use to gauge the health and sustainability of our forests.

I encourage you to review these goals, objectives and indicator data, at the Web address above, before submitting your input. Comments that are within the context of these foundational items will be of greatest value to the Board.

A broad-based work group will review and organize the submissions that we receive, and will pass along all of the suggestions, as well as its own recommendations, to the Board later this year.

Public participation is essential as we prioritize our work and strive to craft the best policies for Oregon's forests. I look forward to your suggestions about the Board's future direction. Please feel free to pass this invitation along to others who may be interested.

Thank you for your interest in Oregon's forests, one of our State's richest resources.

