

To create awareness and appreciation for the value of trees, and encourage an understanding about the protection, management and conservation of the renewable forest

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The Honorable John Barrasso Chairman Committee on Environment & Public Works U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Tom Carper Ranking Member Committee on Environment & Public Works U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

Thank you for taking the time to thoughtfully consider the points made by industry, conservation and state governments interests at a hearing before your Committee recently. Wildfires, widespread disease and infestations are causing catastrophic, heartbreaking and inexcusable wastes of our nations resources. The work you are doing is paramount in resolving the mismanagement crisis at hand.

The Wildlife Prevention & Mitigation Act under consideration will prevent unnecessary litigation against needed forest management projects so more work towards forest restoration can move forward in a timely manner.

Oregon Women in Timber is proud of your efforts and would like to make sure you know we are a supporter and encourager of the good work you are doing to protect the health of our natural resources.

Sincerely,

April Simpson, Legislative Chair