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Oregon Department of Forestry
Oregon Board of Forestry

We own 142 acres bordered on one side by the Nehalem River and bisected by Oak Ranch Creek. The farm was homesteaded by my grandfather about 1879 and has been in the family continually since that time.

Oak Ranch Creek cuts across the property from the Nehalem River to the back of the property, about 2,000 feet. Wider buffers would substantially reduce the area that could be harvested of timber we have planted. There are a number of beaver dams in Oak Ranch Creek. The beaver harvest whatever they desire, thereby reducing shade along the stream. What are you going to do about that?

I have very little confidence in the research and studies you rely upon. Most studies and research are done by persons who seek to prove an opinion they had before the research was started. Oak Ranch Creek runs through our property east to west. There has been at least one study that shows a buffer on the south side is effective while a buffer on the north side is not. I believe it was the same study that pointed out that the temperature on the water at its source has more effect on stream temperature than the shade.

We oppose even stricter rules that do not consider all available research supported by sound science. Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,
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