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I am a 53 acre family Tree Farm owner in Columbia County, Oregon, which has been in our family for over 50 years. We are lifetime Oregon Small Woodlands Association members and for over 25 years have been certified under the American Forest Foundation, American Tree Farm System certification program.

Our Tree Farm fronts on the Nehalem River with two additional streams traversing it. We support the current Oregon Forest Practices Act that restricts activity on about 8 acres adjacent to the river - or about 15 % of the property. These additional two streams are configured such that stricter rules could easily result in 40 to 60% or more of our property being extremely restrictive and unavailable for management activities.

Please delay rule making decisions until all relevant research and applicable sound science can be collected and reviewed.

We most ***DEFINITELY OPPOSE*** even stricter rules that does not consider all available research supported by applicable sound science.

Thank You.
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