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Re: Nomination of Wayne Giesy for SAF honorary membership

This letter recommends Wayne Giesy for honorary membership in the Society of American Foresters. Mr. Giesy is a strong voice for the role of professional forestry in the management of Oregon's and the nation's forest resources. He has been an effective spokesman for the forest products industry and for the benefits of active forest management on private and public lands for several decades.

It is my pleasure to work with Mr. Geisy in his role as a representative of Hull-Oakes Lumber Company, a member of the American Forest Resource Council. He frequently attends AFRC meetings and also comes to my office to provide me with information about forestry issues. I consider him an advisor on policy matters. He is part of a network of industry leaders whose advice I seek and who I try to keep informed of AFRC's work at the national level with both the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

Mr. Geisy attends Oregon Board of Forestry meetings regularly and frequently provides testimony to the Board about the historical context of their work and decisions. The Board clearly values his input.

I also interact with Mr. Geisy in his role as a member of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Forest Industries Council, an association of Oregon timberland owners, where his voice is an important contribution to the work of the association.

No summary of Mr. Geisy's qualities would be complete without reference to his good humor, honesty, integrity and tenacity. It is always a pleasure to meet him and to be reminded of the importance of forestry to the life of the State of Oregon. For this reason, his voice for forestry is welcome wherever he goes.

It would be an honor for the Society of American Foresters to have Mr. Geisy as a member. Therefore, I ask that he be made an honorary member of our Society.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann Forest Burns".

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