

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Wayne Giesy and I receive this award as an honorary member of the Society of American Foresters with a real sense of responsibility.

I am 93 years old and have spent over 50 years (including 2 terms as an Oregon Legislator) advocating management of Federal Forests.

When the Forest Service was established, SAF wrote the management plans that produced products for US citizen and jobs for rural communities. This plan operated successfully for years and then the environmental community took over.

We now have a policy, "Let it Burn and Rot."

While it has been a privilege to work in the forest industry --- an industry that has a proud history of investing in science to inform continuous silvicultural and environmental improvements --- federal forest management is broken.

My career has spanned both extremes. I've seen it. And I'm here today to say the pendulum has swung

too far from management to favor preservation,  
and our communities are paying for it.

I challenge the SAF to again assert their past success  
and return as the entity that writes the Federal  
Forest Management Plan.

I join as one of you --- let's get going!

Thank you