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Society of American Foresters

5400 Grosvenor Lane Re: Nomination of Wayne Giesy for Honorary Membership in SAF
Bethesda, MD 20814-2198

Wayne Giesy is surely one of the best friends our Forest Resources and the Profession of Forestry could have. His wisdom, and willingness to share it with great humility and clarity, continue to amaze anyone who follows forest policy developments in this region.

Wayne is totally unselfish in his support of good forest management policies. The wisdom he has accumulated in over nine decades reflects superb powers of observation with regard to public opinion and less-well represented sentiments. He understands consequences of poor decisions. He puts great personal effort into sharing this long-term perspective by attending almost every meeting of Oregon's Board of Forestry, no matter how far he has to drive to get there. He always comes well informed about the programs for the meetings and on the specific issues behind them. He understands the backgrounds and technical principles involved in a broad array of policies, and speaks directly to specific points. When it is time for him to speak, he is always pleasant and direct. He speaks with vigor, humor and goodwill. His presentations are always to the point and leave no room for misunderstanding. And he never pushes his allotted time as a speaker. When Wayne Giesy has the floor, everyone listens. And with the great respect due the great people in our profession.

Giesy is among the most humble citizens to have crossed my professional paths, while being among the best informed. He has wisdom no college degree can provide. He shares this generously while never presenting himself as an expert; his great expertise is in putting across some basic truths with language and demeanor anyone can respect. One never hears any hint of personal aggrandizement when he speaks in public. He speaks from long years of observation and evaluation of consequences of good and poor practices, and shares the truths he has encountered so anyone can understand what is involved. Wayne's many decades of following consequences of practices good and bad, yet his decades of observation have provided him encyclopedic perspectives of the interaction of forest practices with time—and the expertise those perspectives bring. His commitment to care of forests, and to sound principles of management is the result of an immense effort to be accurate in understanding

what these decades of observation have taught him. His ability to express himself in public meetings in ways that earn respect has made him enormously valuable in public debates.

I have been a forestry professor for over 50 years, and a neighbor of Wayne's for half of that. In all this time, I have found that as often as not, when I find myself mulling over questions of forests and their values under management, I can gain a depth of understanding hard to get elsewhere by having a visit with Wayne. And I can understand what I have learned from him, and how he knows what he shares.

I support Wayne's nomination to Honary Membership in the Society of American Foresters without reservation, and with great pleasure for honoring a fine contributor to our profession.

Sincerely,

Michael Newton