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Subject: Giesy Plan: Management Proposal for Western US Forestlands

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To: Senator

Dear Senator [Deleted]:

It is time for all those who love our National Forests to come together. The Timber Wars of the past are behind us. Our federal forests are languishing from a combination of neglect and over-zealous protection. Our nation needs its public forests to provide the goods, services and values that these lands can so richly produce: water, fish, wildlife, recreation, timber, minerals, grazing, solitude, wilderness, and biological diversity.

Nearly a decade ago, as an Oregon native and former state legislator, I set down a framework allowing all those sincerely interested in the welfare of our federal forests to have a meaningful role in their management. Originally dated April, 2008, this plan synthesizes nearly 30 years of ideas and contributions by all stakeholders in the debate: the timber industry, the environmental industry, and managing agencies. Recognizing that some uses are thought to be mutually exclusive, this plan calls for three separate estates: preservation, riparian management and the production of forest products for U.S. citizens. Over the years, many small refinements have been made and added.

If adopted in the eleven Western states, the plan has the potential to put 200,000 to 350,000 people to work almost immediately; return money to the U.S. Treasury, eliminating the need for in lieu tax payments to local government and Secure Rural Schools funding; and significantly reduce the risks and costs of wildfire damage and firefighting.

The outline of the framework is attached. Here is background information:

http://orww.org/Awards/2013/SAF/Wayne_Giesy/Oregon_Plan/index.html

Once you have reviewed this plan, please give me your suggestions for improvements to assure its adoption and success.

I will be contacting your office to arrange a meeting during your next visit to Oregon.

Very truly yours,
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cc: Honorable [Deleted]

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