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Ms. Elizabeth Burghard
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Re: Support for Revising the Resource Management Plans for the O&C Lands

Dear Ms. Burghard:

On behalf of the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce, please accept our support of the Bureau of Land Management's Notice of Intent to move forward with revisions to the Resource Management Plans governing the O&C Lands in Western Oregon.

Douglas County has a long and proud history tied to responsible forest management. For decades, sustained yield timber harvests on the O&C Lands supported a strong local economy in Roseburg and Douglas County. These lands once contributed substantial economic activity through family wage jobs in logging, trucking, milling, manufacturing and related small businesses. Shared timber receipts also provided critical revenue to Douglas County to help fund law enforcement, road maintenance, and other essential public services.

The O&C Act of 1937 directed that these lands be managed under sustained yield forestry, meaning timber would be harvested at levels that do not exceed the forest's annual growth. This framework provided predictability and long term stability for communities like ours. When implemented effectively, it sustained both healthy forests and healthy local economies.

Over the past several decades, timber harvest levels on O&C Lands have declined significantly. As harvest volumes fell, so too did the economic activity and county revenues that once flowed from these working forests. The reduction in timber supply has contributed to mill closures, job losses, reduced investment, and increased economic strain across the region. County government has faced persistent budget challenges, directly affecting public safety and other essential services in a county where much of the land base is federally owned and not taxable.

Beyond the economic impacts, reduced active management has affected forest conditions across the region. Many in our community are concerned about increasing forest density and

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wildfire risk. Thoughtful, science based forest management can improve forest health, strengthen watershed protection, and support long term resilience while also providing renewable wood products.

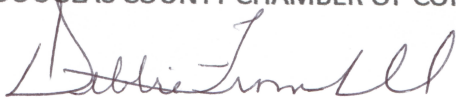
Revising the current Resource Management Plans presents an important opportunity to restore a balanced approach to managing the O&C Lands. A renewed commitment to sustained yield forestry can once again provide stability and family wage jobs for our communities and help ensure these forests remain productive and resilient for future generations.

The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce strongly encourages the Bureau of Land Management to move forward with these revisions and to develop updated plans that fully reflect the sustained yield mandate of the O&C Act while supporting the economic vitality of rural communities like Roseburg.

Thank you for your time, consideration and for your work on this vitally important endeavor.

Respectfully,

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