

At the Crossroads Sustaining Oregon's Forests in a

Rapidly Changing World

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Oregon is rightfully known for its forests and the rich and diverse roles they play in Oregon life. Over time, Oregonians have come to value these forests highly for their ecological, economic, recreational, spiritual, and other contributions.

But many Oregonians may not be aware of how quickly changes in regulations and incentives, demographics, global markets, and climate change are affecting Oregon forests, or of how these changes may impact Oregon's unique quality of life.

The 2007 At the Crossroads conference will promote greater awareness of the multiple benefits that Oregon's forests produce-from timber products and recreation to ecosystem services such as wildlife habitat, clean air and water. The conference is also a venue to seek and incubate common ground for maintaining these forest benefits in the face of unprecedented threats.

We urge you to take this opportunity to engage thoughtful people in constructive dialogue about the role different forest management emphases and ownerships play in the state's economy, environment, and community vitality.

The conference is also a prime opportunity to assess implications of existing policies regarding forest stewardship and governmental roles, as well as potential policy changes. Several recent conferences and workshops have addressed various trends related to the future of Oregon's forests. The 2007 *At the Crossroads* conference will attempt to integrate and build on these themes.

The ultimate goal of the 2007 At the Crossroads conference is to bring both new and traditional constituents into discussions of how to ensure that Oregon's forestlands remain intact and healthy so that they can continue to provide the benefits that Oregonians expect and value for decades to come.

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Join leading thinkers who will outline our strategic choices *At the Crossroads...*

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And many others...



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