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Greetings –



"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

What are the most important issues facing forestry in Oregon today? What should the Oregon Board of Forestry's priorities be during the next two years as we work to enhance the health and sustainability of our state's forests?

I'm writing to invite your participation in the Board's 2007 "issue scan," which will help us answer these questions as we shape our agenda for 2008 and 2009.

Accompanying this letter, you'll find a form that you can use to suggest topics for Board consideration. A version of the form that can be submitted electronically is available on the Board's Web site, at www.oregonforestry.org. With this letter, you'll also find brief descriptions of our current work plans – plans that our previous scans helped to create.

Please return the form by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2007.

Additional information about the Board and the issue scan can be found on the Board's Web site.

A work group, consisting of two Board members, a public member and representatives of various advisory groups and interests, will review and organize the submissions that we receive. The work group's tasks will include comparing the suggestions to the Board's current work plans to determine which topics may already be included, and seeking additional information as necessary.

The group will pass along all of the suggestions to the full Board, and may also make recommendations as to priorities.

The Board will receive the work group's recommendations late this year, and will then begin discussions leading to possible changes to our priorities and work plans beginning in early 2008. We will post updates on the Web site as the process moves along.

Public participation is essential as we prioritize our work and strive to craft the best policies for Oregon's forests. I look forward to your suggestions about the Board's future direction. Please feel free to pass this invitation along to others who may be interested.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Hobbs, Chair
Oregon Board of Forestry

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Please describe the proposed issue [in 500 words or less]:

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before **July 31, 2007**