



**Sustainable Forest Action Coalition**

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December 9, 2013

Senator Ron Wyden

Chairman

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

United States Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Chairman Wyden:

The Sustainable Forest Action Coalition (SFAC) has representation from 20 counties in California as well as Douglas, Jackson and Lake Counties in Oregon. These representatives come from a large cross section of elected officials, Chambers of Commerce, Farm Bureaus, Fire Safe Councils, Timber Industry, Water Agencies, Education and individuals who have voiced an interest in our efforts. The Sustainable Forest Action Coalition (SFAC) connects county and community organizations and coalition participants in the healthy sustainable management of our Forest ecosystems, while maintaining the quality of life through healthy forests, healthy products industry, healthy communities and sustainable jobs.

The SFAC has been encouraged to follow the June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup> Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearings. During those hearings you made it very clear that you felt that it was necessary and time to address legislative issues that are the leading barriers for our Federal Land Management agencies to increase the pace and scale of ecosystem restoration. Your testimony emphasized the need to review and update the NEPA legislation. By taking such steps, it will improve the ability of these agencies to implement the necessary ecosystem restoration that will assist in the protection of our watersheds, wildlife species and the health of our rural communities.

With the recent release of your proposed legislation, the SFAC is disheartened that it only covers the Oregon and California Railroad lands. The SFAC has been working with Senator Feinstein and Senator Boxer's staff to pursue legislation that will address the support offered in HR 1526 that addresses all public lands on a national basis as well as Title III which is specific to O&C lands. It is the SFAC desire that you continue to pursue bipartisan support for language that addresses your Senate hearings issue on changes needed in NEPA, but on a national basis. In addition, HR1526 offers

additional language to assist our Federal Land Management agencies in addressing the necessary ecosystem restoration that can bring our public lands back into a more natural condition and reduce the losses due to catastrophic wildfire and insect and disease.

Respectfully Submitted,

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*Laurel Brent Bumb*

Bill Wickman and Laurel Brent-Bumb  
Representatives for SFAC