

To: Oregon Department of Forestry

Re: Landslides and Public Safety

I am writing to urge the Board to follow staff recommendations to "start a rule making process to modify OAR 629-623-0500 so that the regulations result in practices that reduce the risk as intended."

Many people living in homes built on alluvial fans do not realize how risky their situation is. Compounding the problem, they believe they would automatically be notified of any logging on neighboring property that would affect them. The risk for damage and death is likely to get much worse as homes are build on thousands of acres opened up to development by measure 37 claims. If projections for heavier winter rains in the Pacific Northwest over the next 50 years are correct, another layer of risk will be added. This is an important issue that needs attention now. Please start the process to modify the regulations to reduce the risk.

Thanks you for working on this issue. Please keep me informed on progress.

Sincerely,

*(Via e-mail)*

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