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Subject: Re: Oregon Roundtable Subcommittee - Draft Proposal Review

Michael,

Thanks so much for your efforts in pulling this all together.

Everyone,

One of you all (sorry, I don't remember who) suggested that our writeup needed a little more zing--I agree!

I've done three things in my attached edits:

1) I've provided an opening section called "No Forest is an Island" to hopefully inject some zing. Please regard it as a first attempt by someone who isn't used to creating zing--so feel free to comment or edit liberally.

2) I have found, in past efforts, our current focus on "sustainable forest management" to be problematic, particularly for those participants we would like to attract who would want to speak to the bio-centric values of forests and for those who would speak to socio-centric values of forests. Many read "forest management as usual among the same old players" into "sustainable forest management." For them, many believe there is more to a forest than culmination of mean annual increment.

What I have offered instead, and sprinkled throughout my edits are two things. First I have recast the title of our effort as ***Oregon Roundtable on Sustainable Forests*** rather than Oregon Roundtable on Sustainable Forest Management. Secondly, I have recast "sustainable forest management" as "***the sustainable conservation, restoration, and management of forests***". I think this formulation does no harm to our interests and creates an opportunity for people to join the discussion who might not otherwise join.

3) Thirdly, rather than be hidden, I have shined some light on our challenges as public administrators, including moving to more coherence of forest policy among and within levels of governance.

Best Regards,

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