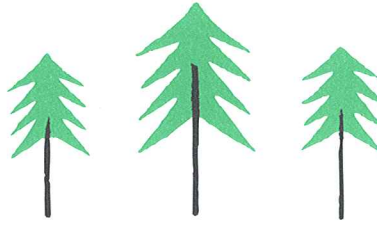


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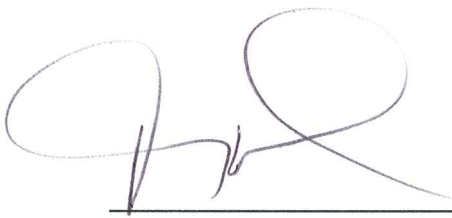
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Dear Members of the Oregon Congressional Delegation:

The Association of O&C Counties represents the interests of Counties in Western Oregon within which lie the unique O&C Lands, as well as other federal timberlands. The O&C Lands are dedicated by federal law to the production of timber for the purpose of supporting local communities. The purposes of the Association include working with members of the Oregon Congressional Delegation in connection with legislation and administration of federal laws affecting the O&C lands.

This year's devastating fire season has exposed the need to reform the federal government's flawed system for funding wildfire suppression and end the practice of "fire borrowing." We agree. But it is equally imperative that action be taken to recover the economic value of and rehabilitate burned forests, meaningfully reduce the risk of future fires, and restore forest resiliency on O&C and other federal forestlands through more active management. Otherwise, we will continue to experience larger wildfires that threaten more lives, homes and forests. We urge Congress to take action on legislation to streamline forest restoration and recovery projects, reduce litigation, and end the practice of fire borrowing.

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