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The City of Central Point, Oregon supports active forest management that returns at least 90 to 95% of receipts to Jackson County Government for the following reasons and supports Alternative 2 of the EIS four alternatives:

- Central Point is directly and indirectly affected by whether the county can maintain a level of services that provide public safety, libraries and critical human services. In Jackson County, without a safety net or adequate timber harvest, our County Sheriff's Deputies will be reduced, our libraries remain closed and critical health services reduced or eliminated.
- Alternative 2 proposes to harvest only 60% of the annual growth of about half of the land, yet will provide 94% of the revenue needed which is about $16.9 million each year.
- I consider myself to be an environmentalist and am concerned about livability in Jackson County because many of our businesses depend on tourism. Option 2 still has full protections of the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. Only 48% of the 2.5 million acres of O & C lands have active management and the rest is restricted management or environmentally protected. It also provides for restoration of forests after catastrophic events.
- Alternative 2 restores numerous wood products industry jobs which pay good wages and help the economy in small rural towns, like Central Point.
- It is for these reasons that the City of Central Point supports the Alternative that restores at least 90% of funding for the counties and protects the environment and that appears to Alternative 2.

Sincerely,

Hank Williams

Hank Williams, Mayor of Central Point, Oregon

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