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The Honorable Ron Wyden
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Dear Senator Wyden,

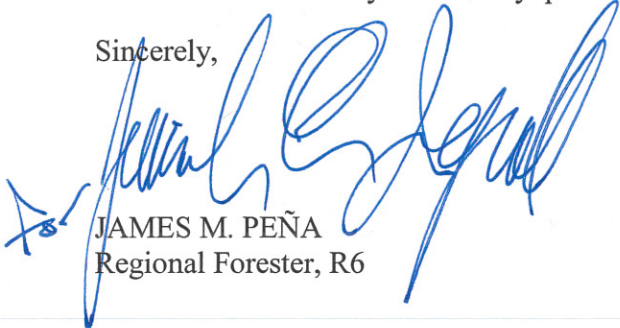
This letter is in response to additional information your staff requested today and reflects the newest version of the proposed legislation. Specifically, you asked the Forest Service to identify the amount of timber which could theoretically be removed from 100,000 acres of National Forest System lands within close proximity to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Oregon and California Land Grant Act Lands.

Our prior analysis from our letter dated November 6, 2014 displayed that about 44.4 mmbf could be harvested annually for 50 years on 75,000 acres of treatment. We see that the legislation now reflects the 102,000 acres. Using a simple extrapolation for 102,000 acres of plantations needing variable retention harvesting, approximately 60 mmbf could be expected annually. The newest proposed legislation also adds an additional 204,000 acres for Conservation Emphasis Areas where it is likely some restoration forestry is needed that could add another 9 to 10 mmbf per year. Based on these analyses, it is estimated that a total of approximately 70 mmbf annually for the next 50 years could come from National Forest System land proposed for conveyance under the terms outlined in your proposed legislation. My understanding is that the Bureau of Land Management has provided you with an estimate of up to 340.3 mmbf annually for the next five decades from BLM administered and tribal lands.

This information is being provided to you solely at the request for information from your office. The Forest Service has taken no official position on the proposed bill. We are concerned about efficiently managing around the proposed 306,000 acres of proposed conveyance lands. Transferring these acres could perpetuate challenges associated with checkerboard ownership. We would like to continue to work with you and your staff to refine how the acres will be identified.

Please let me know if you have any questions or further information needs.

Sincerely,



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