

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER 11-5-10-3) IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE
) EFFORTS TO FACILITATE FEDERAL FOREST
) TIMBER SALES TO MARKET DURING AN

EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Lane County values its residents of Japanese descent and knows that many of its residents have relationships with people now living in Japan; and

WHEREAS, many Lane County businesses have trade relationships with businesses based in Japan; and

WHEREAS, over 450,000 residents of Japan are suffering from the devastating effects of earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear accident related displacement; and

WHEREAS, 60% of Oregon's land base is covered by federally managed forests; and

WHEREAS, Oregon's abundant forest lands can produce the timber resources that Japan will need in order to rebuild its nation; and

WHEREAS, existing law prescribes the management of these lands and promises at least to do no harm to the impacted communities, and at best to support local well being through shared revenue structures; and

WHEREAS, the management of federal lands has a direct impact on Oregon's schools, roads, and public safety investments; and

WHEREAS, reversing unemployment in Lane County is a priority for the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, there is one billion board feet of lumber legally allotted to be harvested in the Pacific Northwest under the Northwest Forest Plan; and

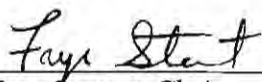
WHEREAS, at the harvest levels envisioned by the Northwest Forest Plan, it is estimated that 30,000 new jobs would be created in the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress holds the power to develop and amend laws and fund agencies; and


WHEREAS, federal laws and available resources have combined to limit the ability of federal land agencies to provide forest health and community stability.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lane County Board of Commissioners urges its state and federal elected officials to pursue legislation to streamline the ability of federal forest managers under the Northwest Forest Plan to get timber sales to market for the purposes of creating manufactured wood products in the United States when a finding of emergency or humanitarian assistance is declared; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution officially represents the will of the Board of County Commissioners and may be used by the Intergovernmental Relations Manager and other Lane County staff to communicate to Oregon legislators during the 76th Legislative session and provide assistance as necessary to work with state and federal authorities towards implementation of these efforts.



Faye Stewart, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date: 5-10-2011

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