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Because the municipal watersheds of Cannon Beach, Gearhart, and Seaside are privately owned by Cavenham, how the Board of Forestry protects watersheds and wildlife is vitally important to you and your neighbors. Unfortunately, private forestry in Oregon is a public scandal. How steep a slope is and how unstable the soils are, mean, under current Oregon forestry law, almost nothing. New guidelines for streamside protection proposed by the Department of Foresty, do not address unstable slopes, soils and smaller watershed streams. Yes, they do replant; and along with replanting come the herbicide helicopters spreading their toxic fog.

Perhaps you are not aware that the State of Oregon owns over 160,000 acres of forest land in Clatsop County. Over 800 of those acres adjoin Cannon Beach to the east. Together with lands in Tillamook County, the state owns over 500,000 acres in northwest Oregon. At the October Board of Forestry meeting the Department of Forestry (DOF) asked permission to begin planning the first ever "forest plan" for these forests. This might come as a shock, but the DOF has only had timber harvest plans in the past and has never managed for real forests, wildlife, and recreation.

The Coast Range Association believes the Department of Forestry should seriously consider expanding public land ownership around coastal towns for the purpose of providing for older, more fire resistant forests. Under the current economics private forest lands are almost all never allowed to grow past 70 years. "New Forestry" management techniques could be employed, allowing some timber harvest while moving towards an older forest structure.

With the salmon crisis, the Department of Forestry will have to address new planning issues; issues that will have a big impact on Seaside, Gearhart, and Cannon Beach. Public oversight and participation will be crucial. With your help, the Coast Range Association and its Clatsop and Tillamook Chapters will be actively involved in the new state forest planning process and the reform of private foresty.

We will be asking the Board of Forestry to recognize at-risk watersheds as identified by the American Fisheries Society; Ecola Creek, Cannon Beach's watershed, is one such at-risk watershed.

The Coast Range Association is working hard in Clatsop County because much of what we care for; the coastal forests, rivers, and wildlife; is threatened with permanent loss.

The CRA has been advocating and educating for years about the need to reform private and public forestry. Through your ideas and support we can secure a healthy coastal environment for the future. The CRA thanks those who have offered their support and funding; we couldn't do it without you.

Shelley Majors Spokesperson/Clatsop Chapter Coast Range Association



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