



SENATE MAJORITY OFFICE

February 27, 2025

The Honorable Brooke Rollins
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Rollins,

Intense Oregon wildfires burned almost 2 million acres in 2024, a tragedy we risk experiencing again if sudden layoffs and canceled contracts at the U.S. Forest Service leave a hole in the fire-prevention work that is crucial for public safety in Oregon's wildlands. As members of the Oregon Senate, we know that fire protection takes teamwork and we have long valued our state's partnership with the federal government in the shared effort to save lives and property in fire season.

Today we request you reinstate the workers tasked with thinning trees and removing combustible materials, jobs that lower fire hazards. As the days go on and fire season approaches, we ask that you allow the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Forest Service to remain active and productive partners for fire safety in Oregon. These employee dismissals shortchange the communities that need us all working together to stop the threat of wildfire.

Please bring back the prevention workers and commit to stabilizing operations in your agency. While the courts assess whether the firings are legal in departments like yours, please do not interrupt the essential public services Americans count on for health, safety, and prosperity.

Confronting the crisis of wildfires will be successful only when we all work together. We need government bodies--local, state, tribal and federal--working with each other and with private sector partners, over rural and urban areas, and across all political lines. As lawmakers, we legislated comprehensive preparedness and resiliency with funding for local fire departments and districts, risk reduction, forest-thinning, early smoke detection, clean-air shelters, and more.

Oregonians deserve to see their federal tax dollars serving their safety, too. Those federal funds should be returning to the state as services performed by federal agencies like yours. For the

good of Oregon's people and beautiful places, please put Forest Service workers back on the job.

Sincerely,



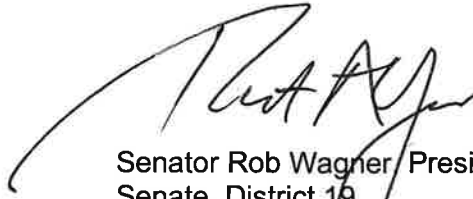
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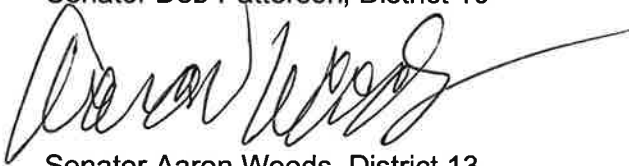
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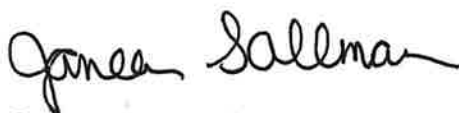
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