



## **Resolution 2013-13**

### **A resolution on a Balanced Management Strategy for the Tillamook State Forest**

**WHEREAS**, Banks has a rich heritage tied to the Tillamook Forest and is home to Oregonians with cultural and economic ties to fishing, timber harvest, outdoor recreation, natural resources, and natural beauty, all of which are provided by the Tillamook State Forest;

**WHEREAS**, through public process and adoption by the Oregon Board of Forestry, the definition of the Greatest Permanent Value of state forest lands in OAR 629-035-0020 reads ‘Healthy, productive, and sustainable forest ecosystems that over time and across the landscape provide a full range of social, economic, and environmental benefits to the people of Oregon’;

**WHEREAS**, OAR 629-035-0020 specifies that benefits derived from state forest lands should include, but are not limited to:

- a) Sustainable and predictable production of forest products that generate revenues for the benefit of the state, counties and local taxing districts;
- b) Properly functioning aquatic habitats for salmonids, and other native fish and aquatic life;
- c) Habitats for native wildlife;
- d) Productive soil, and clean air and water;
- e) Protection against floods and erosion;
- f) Recreation;

**WHEREAS**, Oregonians rely on our state forests for economic benefit, including jobs in the timber, forest products, outdoor recreation, and fishing industries. Management of our states forest resources should benefit Oregonians from all industry sectors, diversifying our economic base and supporting family wage jobs;

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2011, Governor Kitzhaber endorsed the concept of “conservation areas” on state forest lands, directing the Board of Forestry to, “Examine and then act upon the authority vested in the Board and Department to establish areas managed primarily for conservation on state forests. Consider ways of establishing and managing these areas that provide certainty and improved habitat and species recovery outcomes, restoration jobs, and other economic benefits such as recreation”;

**WHEREAS**, in the process of developing state forest policy, stakeholders should be encouraged, engaged, and enabled to provide input to governing bodies invested in a transparent and public process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Banks City Council hereby endorses efforts by the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Board of Forestry to implement conservation areas and encourages the state's policy makers to pursue a sound forest policy that acknowledges the values and benefits of all forest resources including clean water, adequate fish and wildlife habitat, sustainable timber harvest, and recreation, and is based on the best available science.

Approved, adopted and effective this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013.



Peter C. Edison, Mayor

Attest:



Angie Lanter, Interim City Recorder