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Re: Zybach for Lane County Commissioner

Dear Lane County Voters:

America's public lands are the only wildlands most of us will ever own. I support candidates who are committed to conserving and protecting our public land inheritance.

I'm Frank Carroll, a lifelong forester and wildfire expert who has closely observed the devastating impacts of wildfires on your communities, forests, and public lands. I am pleased to endorse Bob Zybach for Lane County Commissioner. Bob's extensive expertise in forestry, wildfire management, and environmental science makes him a much-needed and timely leader to confront the urgent challenges we face, from catastrophic fires to ineffective federal policies that threaten our homes and livelihoods.

Through my research and analysis of events like the Chetco Bar Fire in Oregon—where delays in fuel reduction projects and tactical decisions by the U.S. Forest Service contributed to uncontrolled fire spread and community destruction—I have seen firsthand how passive management and bureaucratic inaction can lead to disaster. Bob Zybach understands this better than any candidate or currently serving official statewide. With his PhD in Environmental Sciences and decades of experience working in and studying applied forestry and forest practices, including Native American fire use, Bob has long advocated for proactive, science-based strategies to reduce fuel loads, prevent mega-fires, and protect private property and public lands.

Bob's platform reflects the lessons from wildfires across the West: the need for federal agencies like the U.S. Forest Service to focus on timely fuels treatments, the urgency to work closely with communities and cooperating agencies, and a commitment to avoid unilateral discretionary decisions that put communities at risk. In Oregon, where you've faced many serious fire emergencies with devastating outcomes, Bob will advocate for better coordination among local, state, and federal agencies, ensuring laws like the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) are enforced. Common-

sense policies are more critical now than ever to protect and improve your public forests, forest-dependent livelihoods, communities, homes, and precious natural resources.

Bob opposes illogical unilateral agency policies that let fuel accumulate and threaten lives and property—he supports active management, including responsible forestry, prescribed burns in spring and fall, and targeted thinning and reasonable logging to create fire-resistant forests.

Bob Zybach is more than just a candidate; he's a proven expert who has testified before Congress on wildfire prevention and holds federal agencies accountable through his extensive writing and personal and professional advocacy. His dedication to transparency, community safety, and sustainable forestry will bring much-needed professional perspectives and energy to help your county commission make an impact on federal and state land management issues that matter not only to Oregonians but to all Americans.

Oregon needs leaders like Bob who make decisions based on facts, replicable scientific principles, and effective management strategies to prevent fires from destroying public and private lands and communities in your beautiful state.

I encourage you to vote for Bob Zybach for County Commissioner. His ideas are fresh and workable at the local level. He is tireless and focused on regional issues. Together, you will create a safer, more resilient Oregon.

Vote Bob Zybach for Commissioner.

Sincerely,



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