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To: Chief

Consistent with the 2014 Agricultural Act, commonly known as the Farm Bill, the Governor of Oregon identified designated areas that did not include the Mount Hood National Forest.

The Mount Hood National Forest has experienced wide-spread tree mortality in the recent past (Figure 2). Given the projections of increasing temperatures and drier summers this will create forest conditions at higher risk for mortality as the period of summer water deficit lengthens and becomes more severe (Figure 1). Based on these current and expected conditions, we have worked with State and Private Forestry Forest Health Protection specialists to identify areas across the Mount Hood we believe are at high risk of insect and disease epidemics (Figure 1). The Forest meets all three of the criteria specified in the legislation (see Figures 1, 2, and 3).

Based on this new information, the Forest Supervisor of the Mount Hood National Forest, recommends the Forest be covered under this designation. This new designation will enable us to proactively take actions to reduce risk of uncharacteristic and/or undesirable insect and disease disturbances.

We have enclosed the following with this request for designation under Farm Bill Section 8204:

- Justification for additional designation including alignment with the criteria included in the 2014 Farm Bill;
- Maps identifying the areas identified by the National Insect and Disease Risk Map, past aerial detection survey data, and infrastructure and recreation areas across the Forest.

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