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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION )  
NO. ) IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORTING THE MISSION AND  
 ) EFFORTS OF "COMMUNITIES FOR HEALTHY  
 ) FORESTS"

WHEREAS, catastrophic forest fires result in severe adverse environmental impacts including damage to the soil; an increased susceptibility to erosion resulting in siltation of streams; a loss in recreational opportunities; a loss of essential habitat for wildlife; and, a loss in economic value of the forests which can last for decades; and

WHEREAS, delays in reforesting the burned sites increases reforestation costs; reduces the survival rates of any replanting efforts; and adversely affects the ability of the public to utilize the sites; and

WHEREAS, the failure to promptly recover the excess burned, dead trees creates public safety hazards; results in heavy fuel loadings; increases the risk of future catastrophic fires; and reduces the opportunity to fully restore the landscape; and

WHEREAS, the failure to promptly reforest the sites will deprive future generations of the opportunity to utilize the Federal Forests; and

WHEREAS, the governmental decision making process is not equipped to react in a timely manner to the restoration burdens resulting from catastrophic fires; and

WHEREAS, the group "Communities for Healthy Forests" has organized as a coalition of community members whose mission is to realize the prompt, restoration and recovery of the conifer forest in the aftermath of fire and other catastrophic events.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all state, federal and local agencies are encouraged to promptly conduct an environmental analysis once a fire is declared controlled and to move expeditiously to reforest and restore the catastrophically burned landscapes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Lane County Board of Commissioners supports the mission and efforts of the "Communities for Healthy Forests" as they work for solutions that encourage immediate restorative action.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2005.

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Anna Morrison, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Date 4/27/05 Lane County  
[Signature]  
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

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