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At this important time of reckoning in the country, states, and local levels. How and why does this specific policy impact people of various race and ethnicity, economic disparities, including physical and mental health impacts. There must be a place for this in your decision making as well as acknowledgement of the “winners and losers” the policy enables. Because even the most well intentioned decisions will be detrimental to someone. I want to know these things and don’t believe anyone should have to arduously page through documents have to seek that knowledge.

It’s vital to acknowledge how vulnerable populations are losing or not even considered “stakeholders” in these important decisions. What has this board done to address the true costs of this policy. Who loses and what is the actual cost of that loss? I believe this deserves the front page of policy making and ask you to stop and re-evaluate these questions before final decisions are made to insure you were doing everything you can not to cause further disparities already so obvious in our Columbia Gorge communities.

Thank you for your important and difficult work.

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