

## THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION OF OREGON



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VIA FAX

The Honorable Greg Walden (FAX: 202-225-5774)  
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Dear Representatives Walden and Blumenauer:

On the eve of the House Resources Committee mark-up of H.R. 5025, the Mount Hood Stewardship Legacy Act, I write to express the continuing strong support of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon for this important legislation.

Gentlemen, the Warm Springs Tribe appreciates the vision and spirit of cooperation you brought to the development of this legislation. Mount Hood, the Mount Hood National Forest, and its Wilderness are magnificent resources long cherished by the people of the Northwest, including ourselves and other nearby tribes. Your recognition that Mount Hood must meet an increasing array of uses, from the ancient to the most modern, and this legislation to help accommodate and guide those demands, is necessary, thoughtful and forward thinking.

Warm Springs is particularly pleased with the First Foods Gathering Areas and Savings Provisions Regarding Relations with Indian Tribes in Sections 702 and 704, as well as forest access for traditional and cultural purposes, participation on the Recreational Working Group, and the study of sustainable biomass utilization. Your consultation with our Tribe in drafting these sections, and your resolve to retain them, are very gratifying to us.

The Warm Springs people have enjoyed Mount Hood's beauty and bounty since time immemorial, and we believe this legislation will help assure our future generations to continue to do likewise. We hope that the Committee will adopt the revisions recently crafted by yourselves and then approve the bill.

Sincerely,

Ron Suppah, Chairman  
Warm Springs Tribal Council