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Commissioner Eric Koenigshofer

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Cc: Sheryl Bratton, COA

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Re: County woodlands

Dear Commissioner Koenigshofer,

We of the Salmon Creek Watershed Council strongly request that the Planning Commission use this meeting to call for a **temporary time out on removing any of our woodlands** during the time that the County's final policy is being developed. It is essential to retain these resources should their value be recognized later. At this time when so many of us are doing what we can at the local level to avoid accelerating the climate change that is threatening our world, destruction of carbon sequestering woodlands without careful consideration of the consequences seems unwise.

For the sake of the county we love and the planet on which it rests, it is now essential to study carefully, taking the long view, of possible results of our actions. We look forward to the Commission's data-based investigations and hope that when policy is decided upon, the woodlands that may be necessary to implement it are still standing.

Sincerely yours,

David Shatkin

For the Salmon Creek Watershed Council

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