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Dear Mark and Glenn:

Thank you for organizing an outstanding meeting and field trip to review the forestry issues and activities so important to both private and public sector interests in southwest Oregon. I know that SAF Vice-President, Dr. Bill Rockwell, was most impressed with the competence of the professional foresters and related natural resource professionals and political leaders that you brought to the discussion. And I, having worked so many years in the Roseburg area myself, was pleased and proud of the excellent colleagues who participated.

The participants in the afternoon meeting and field trip are a very impressive and accomplished group. I would encourage this group to periodically get together in meetings and field trips, working to develop effective strategies for managing the forest lands in southwest Oregon. I would be pleased to participate in follow-up sessions as well.

In my role as District 2 Council representative, I will do my best to help promote the excellent work of the forestry profession, as demonstrated by the activities in southern Oregon. I will also work to keep SAF an active voice in supporting sound forest management policies and activities so vital to our profession.

I will also help inform both SAF and political leaders at the national level of the outstanding efforts of private sector foresters in southwest Oregon, and the continued commitment that federal foresters have for effectively managing the public lands under their jurisdiction. Most continue to work tirelessly to find ways to advance active management that builds on the rich history of federal forestry that is based on best available science.

Please express my thanks to the Umpqua Chapter for organizing a special chapter meeting that helped welcome and feature Dr. Rockwell. Thank you also for purchasing and providing lunches for the field trip participants.

Best regards,

*Bob Alverts*

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