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Dear David and Howard:

I don't recall anyone at the Forest Conference discussing efforts by the states to assist dislocated timber workers, families, and communities. I enclose a copy of the executive summary from *Investing in Dislocated Families: Developing a Legislative Program for Timber-Dependent Communities and for Dislocated Workers and Families in Oregon*. Ernie Niemi and I prepared this working with the Oregon Joint Interim Legislative Committee on Forest Products Policy. The legislature implemented all of our recommendations.

There is nothing new or startling in our prescriptions. What is important to appreciate, though, is that we arrived at the prescriptions by a process of compromise involving various interest groups, *e.g.*, environmental and timber firms, Republicans, Democrats, and representatives from labor and management. Therefore, the phrases and terminology used throughout this paper were agreed upon by all players.

This is precisely the task facing the Clinton Administration.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,



Ed Whitelaw

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