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Confidential Memorandum

To: T.J. Glauthier
Barbara Chow

From: Tom Tuchmann *Tom*

Subject: FY 1995 Forest Plan Appropriations



Per our conversations, I wanted to follow up with you on Forest Plan appropriations for FY 1995, and, more specifically what actions could be taken as we move toward Senate Interior mark-up. A number of Pacific Northwest congressional offices have asked whether we were willing to back up the our request with a push on the Hill.

It appears that the Interior subcommittees view the Forest Plan and energy conservation proposals as means to bank other programs in this difficult year. The Senate subcommittee has requested that Interior and Agriculture prioritize our funding request at \$5 million increments.

This is a difficult task as we have made written commitments on the economic side, while, equally important funding is needed on the forestry side to get the timber sale program up as quickly as possible.

A meeting with Chairman Byrd, Senator Hatfield, Senator Murray, and Senator Gorton and/or their staffs could go a long way in showing our commitment to Forest Plan implementation.

It is also important that we focus at some time in the near future on Farmers Home and Rural Development Administration funding in Senator Bumper's Agriculture Appropriations bill. These programs make up the bulk of the economic assistance program and they have taken some big hits.

T.J., from our conversation, I understood that you will decide whether and how we should move forward with the Hill. Please call with any questions or if you need assistance in setting something up. I plan on being in D.C. next Thursday and Friday if such a meeting could be arranged.

If somebody could get back to me with a final decision I would appreciate it.

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