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**Expansion of Rogue Wilderness (S. 2001)
Statement of Tom Partin, President, American Forest Resource Council**

Today, I sent a [letter to Sen. Wyden and Merkley](#) expressing the opposition of the timber industry to [S. 2001](#) which would expand the Rogue Wilderness. We cannot support additional restrictions on federal forests in Western Oregon unless they are part of a broader resolution to the real threats facing our rural communities. We urge Oregon's Senators to join the bipartisan efforts of Cong. DeFazio, Walden and Schrader in crafting a legislative solution that will provide real certainty for local governments and industries while setting aside other areas, including the Rogue. The time for partial solutions that meet the needs of single interest groups is past. We need a comprehensive solution that considers both the economic and environmental contributions we deserve from our federal forests.