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“Oregon’s federally forested communities deserve a long-term plan that allows them to return to the tradition of self-reliance that embodies the best traditions of our state.

"We have worked together over the last several months to build a balanced plan that brings jobs back into the federal forests through sustainable management, ensures the health of federal forests for future generations, and provides funding certainty for our rural schools, roads, and law enforcement agencies.

"We have made significant progress to bridge our differences and anticipate unveiling soon a bipartisan plan that will win the support of a diverse coalition of groups who hold a keen interest in the health of our federal forests and the economic well-being of Oregon’s rural communities.”