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To: Rick Boatner, Chair of Oregon Invasive Species Council
Jalene Littlejohn, Coordinator of the Oregon Invasive Species Council

Mr. Boatner and Ms. Littlejohn:

The Oregon Department of Forestry submits the attached request for emergency funding from the state's Invasive Species Control Account, administered by the Oregon Invasive Species Council. The Department's proposal to control and eradicate the European lineage 1 of *Phytophthora ramorum* (the causal agent of sudden oak death) in Curry County, Oregon, addresses all of the criteria for release of emergency funding outlined in OAR 609-010-0100 through 609-010-0140. The request for emergency funding is also in alignment with ORS 569.800 and 569.810.

In order to respond swiftly to this invasive forest pathogen, the Oregon Department of Forestry kindly requests that the Oregon Invasive Species Council considers this proposal at its upcoming March 20-21 business meeting in Astoria, Oregon. Staff from our agency will be in attendance at this meeting to give an overview of the proposal and to answer any questions the Council may have.

I look forward to working with you and the Council on this timely and important issue.

Sincerely,

Kyle Abraham, Deputy Chief
Private Forests Division

