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Jan Barkley  
Vice President  
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Dear Ms. Barkley,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the proposed sale of the Austin Hot Springs property to Michael Rysavy, President/Chairman, of the Northwest Forest Conservancy.

We have developed an excellent working relationship with Michael and his group over the past number of years, working in partnership to maintain and enhance our visitors' recreational opportunities on the Clackamas River Ranger District.

If the sale of this property were to take place, I feel the opportunities for recreation, tourism development and environmental education will be enhanced not only in and around the Mt. Hood National Forest, but in Clackamas County as well.

Michael and his group have my full support in their endeavor to purchase this property.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Kathryn J. Silverman (for)*  
GARY L. LARSEN  
Forest Supervisor

