

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
Disclosure Form
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Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests & Public Lands oversight field hearing,
“Failed Federal Forest Policies: Endangering Jobs, Forests and Species.”
May 21, 2012

For Individuals:

1. Name: Ernie Niemi
2. Address: [Information redacted for privacy]
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4. Phone Number: [Information redacted for privacy]

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name:
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:
3. Business Address:
4. Business Email Address:
5. Business Phone Number:

Name/Organization: Ernie Niemi

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a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

- MCRP, Kennedy School, Harvard University
- B.Sc Chemistry, University of Oregon

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

- Member, Technical Team for the Northern Spotted Owl Implementation Team, Washington Board of Forestry
- Member, The Large-Cost Fire Independent Review Panel Chartered by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture (2009)
- Member, Board of Directors of the Climate Leadership Initiative of the Institute for a Sustainable Environment at the University of Oregon
- Member, Technical Advisory Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Employment

- Co-owner of ECONorthwest, an economic consulting firm with up to 50 employees, until 2011
 - Senior Economist and Managing Director for Natural Resource Economics, on-going
- Contract Economist, Douglas Timber Operators, Roseburg Oregon, 1975-76

Projects, presentations and publications regarding management of federal forests in the Pacific Northwest (author or co-author):

- Analysis of the potential impacts of the proposed Mountain States Transmission Intertie on federal lands, including National Forest lands. (Bureau of Land Management and Montana Department of Environmental Quality, on-going)
- Analysis of the potential impacts of the proposed I-5 Corridor Transmission Line on Washington State Trust Forest Lands (Bonneville Power Administration, on-going)
- *An Overview of Potential Economic Costs to Oregon, Washington, and New Mexico of a Business-As-Usual Approach to Climate Change.* (Institute for a Sustainable Environment, University of Oregon, 2009)
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- *The Potential Economic Consequences of Post-Fire Logging on Federal Forest Lands* (Sierra Club, 2006)
- *The Economic Benefits of Old-Growth Forests in the Pacific Northwest: An Overview* (Earthjustice, 2006)
- "Economic Reflections on the Northwest Forest Plan" (Oregon State University, *Science and the Northwest Forest Plan: Knowledge Gained over a Decade*, 2005)
- *A Letter from Economists to President Bush and the Governors of Eleven Western States Regarding*

the Economic Importance of the West's Natural Environment (2003)

- “The Sky Did NOT Fall: The Pacific Northwest’s Response to Logging Reductions” (*Fisheries*, American Fisheries Society, 2002)
- *Wildfire and Poverty* (Center for Watershed and Community Health, 2001)
- *Forested Ecosystems and Regional Economies* (National Science Foundation, 1997)
- *An Analytic Typology for Examining the Economic Effects of Ecosystem Management* (National Science Foundation, 1997)
- *Assessing Economic Trade-Offs in Forest Management* (U.S. Forest Service, PNW Research Station, 1997)
- *Evaluating the Economic Consequences of Proposed Changes in Oregon’s Forest Practices to Promote Salmon Recovery* (PRC Consortium, 1998/99)
- *Responding to Logging Reductions: Lessons for British Columbia from the Pacific Northwest* (Earthlife Canada Foundation, Sierra Club of British Columbia, 1999)
- *The Potential Economic Consequences of Designating Critical Habitat for the Marbled Murrelet* (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 1996)
- *The Potential Social and Economic Impacts of Long-Rotation Timber Management* (U.S. Forest Service, PNW Economic Research Station, 1993)

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and/or other agencies invited) that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

My employer has received these amounts under federal contract or subcontract for my work on the indicated projects:

- Socioeconomic Elements of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Mountain States Transmission Intertie. Bureau of Land Management. \$107,658.75
- Economic Analysis Supporting the Development of an Integrated Water Resources Management Plan for the Yakima River Basin. Bureau of Reclamation. \$108,972.56
- Large-Cost Fire Independent Review Panel Chartered by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. U.S. Forest Service. \$44,840.00

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

None

f. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

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In addition, for witnesses representing organizations:

g. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

h. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the *Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited)* that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

i. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

j. A list of any countries from which the organization(s) you represent at the hearing have received foreign donations and the total amount of donations received from each country, for the current year and the previous four years, by each organization.

k. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).