

President Ray's Response:

*"Thank you for this letter and the proposed actions to be taken and administrative structure to be created to best manage our research forests going forward. As you may know, the College of Forestry will welcome a new dean this summer and the college is developing a new forest management plan. So, this summer would be a good time to engage in broad conversation that can benefit by including you and other signatories to this letter. OSU must be a leader and a best in class exemplar for responsible forest management going forward and your letter highlights important issues to be addressed and an oversight structure to benefit that effort. Thank you."*

Interim Dean Davis's Response:

*"Thank you for reaching out and sharing these thoughts. The timing is good as we are starting the process to develop a new management plan. I've also filed this with our forest input email address to ensure your letter is available as we go through the bank of ideas and input we've been collecting."*

Incoming Dean DeLuca's Response:

*"It is my understanding the College of Forestry has started the process of developing a new management plan for the McDonald-Dunn Research Forest. Your letter and note are timely, as I believe the College is very early in the planning process. Carbon storage will be a crucial element in the discussions and development of a holistic forest plan. We are all aware that our unbridled consumption of fossil fuels is the primary cause of climate change. Yet, smart land management decisions can help give us breathing room while we wean ourselves off this wholly unsustainable source of energy. I assure you I am fully committed to working toward meaningful climate solutions and discussing the role that forests and forestry can play in that process. I start my position on July 1 of this year, and I look forward to engaging with the community throughout the management planning process."*