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Greetings:

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposal by David Turner and Badege Bishaw to offer a graduate certificate in forests and climate change through eCampus. We have seen growing demand for personnel with deep knowledge of the intersection of climate science and land management, both in the public and private sector. The University of Washington offers a certificate in decision making for climate change, which has been well subscribed, indicating the demand for such a certificate; the proposed certificate would fill a void.

From my perspective as director of the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute, I can attest that OSU is a superb place to offer such a certificate. OCCRI has about 80 member faculty from OSU alone, faculty from nearly every college. Our bench is deep and also wide. Land management agencies and forest products companies have a great respect for OSU and its faculty, and would recognize the value of this certificate.

Sincerely,

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