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"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

To whom it may concern:

David Elpi and Keith Ross were among the first type 1 (contractor) assessors trained by the Oregon Department of Forestry. Since then they have performed numerous treatment projects that incorporate the Department of Forestry "defensible space" prescriptions for individual home sites along with larger landscape level treatments.

Mr. Elpi and Mr. Ross's work has always been complete, professional and timely. They work exceptionally well with homeowners, agency personnel and landowners. Both have worked closely with the Oregon Department of Forestry securing grants to treat forestland plots through thinning. They incorporate unique utilization processes into most projects and are always searching for more efficient, more productive methods.

The term "hard workers" does not adequately describe their collective work ethic but suffice to say, they are among the hardest workers in the industry.

In short, David Elpi and Keith Ross manage professional forest products, contracting companies, they have outgoing personalities, they strive to meet customer expectations, and they incorporate modern formulas recommended by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

If you have questions or would like additional information please e-mail [tandrade@odf.state.or.us](mailto:tandrade@odf.state.or.us) or call me at (541) 549-6761.

Sincerely,

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