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Draft email response to comments emailed to the IRST or housing agency

For the 14 March 2025 IRST meeting

Note: New text is in blue font.

Dear _____,

Thank you for your email. Per division 603 of OAR chapter 629 and section 38(8), chapter 33, Oregon Laws 2022, "The [Independent Research and Science Team](#) (IRST) shall conduct their meetings per the IRST charter, and all IRST meetings shall be conducted as public meetings consistent with Oregon Public Meetings Law. The IRST will provide for public testimony at meetings unless the chairperson determines that doing so would be detrimental to the conduct of the IRST's business." The IRST welcomes your participation and public comments at its public meetings, which are posted [on the meetings page of the IRST website](#).

In the interest of full transparency, we ask that you make any public comments during the IRST meeting public comment period so that those comments, and any response by IRST members, are documented and publicly available.

As a component of the Oregon Department of Forestry's Adaptive Management Program, the IRST provides science support to assist the [Adaptive Management Program Committee](#) and the Board of Forestry in their decision making. The IRST does not develop policy.

Thank you for your interest in the important work of the IRST.