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## Secretary of State Bill Bradbury to speak on global warming at Tillamook Forest Center April 19

Secretary of State, Bill Bradbury will speak about issues surrounding global warming Saturday, April 19, at the Tillamook Forest Center.

The one-hour presentation is offered at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. It is modeled after former Vice President Al Gore's global warming slide-show, which went on to become the best-selling book and award-winning documentary film, "An Inconvenient Truth."

Seating will be limited and available on a first-come first-served basis. The Oregon Department of Forestry's Tillamook Forest Center is at milepost 22 on Highway 6, about one hour west of Portland.

The free program is part of a monthly series at the center called "Find Yourself in the Forest." The series continues through November, with a May 18 presentation on "Wildfire and You."

Bradbury is among a select group of 50 individuals chosen to receive rigorous technical training by Gore and a team of renowned scientists last July in Tennessee. He will be joined by Jim Cathcart, an ODF specialist in carbon storage, for a question-and-answer period following the presentation.

Bradbury will spend the next year making presentations in and around Oregon discussing how individuals and businesses, schools, and other organizations can be a part of the solution to address global warming.

Along with the governor and treasurer, Bradbury sits on the State Land Board, and he was appointed by Gov. Ted Kulongoski to chair the Oregon Sustainability Board.

According to Bradbury, the science is clear that global warming is real and humans contribute by burning fossil fuels that produce greenhouse gases. On the positive side, he says, climate change offers opportunities for Oregon to promote renewable energy and, ultimately, become less dependent on foreign oil.

The Tillamook Forest Center opened April 2006 with interpretive exhibits, a film documenting the area's history, field tours and nature programs. The center is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until May 23, when it goes to a summer schedule of seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the center, visit the following Web site: www.tillamookforestcenter.org or call toll free (866) 930-4646.