SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES
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2007 LEGISLATURE

WITNESS STATEMENT

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APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL SB 432

DO YOU: SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE X AMEND _____

COMMENTS: The Montana Logging Association represents approx 600 businesses and individuals who harvest and transport logs from forest to mill. We are not opposed to biodiesel and think it will give an energy alternative for our country in the future. Our concern with this bill and the mandate that all diesel fuel in the state be a biodiesel blend are the following:

1. Engine warranty concerns?
2. Affects on older diesel engines?
3. How will this fuel blend react in the winter months?
4. Increased engine maintenance? (oil + filter changes, fuel filter changes)
5. Affects on engine performance?
6. Increased fuel cost?

With these questions, we would respectfully request a do not pass on SB 432. Thank you, Jason Todhunter
2/16/07

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