

# READERS' OPEN FORUM

## Less finger pointing needed

It surprises me that Bob Rees and the NW Guides and Anglers Association (*Headlight-Herald*, March 14) repeatedly show such little compassion for sustained family wage jobs for 800 forest industry workers; sustained K-12 common school funds, sustained operation of the Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad and county general fund support. Especially since the county recently dredged boat ramps for guide access.

Bob and the guides use their expertise during some 250 fishing days yearly to satisfy their clients with 750 or more prized adult coho, steelhead, Cchinook and aged sturgeon — the product of existing forest management.

It also surprises me that Bob is on the road and water for some seven hours per day of the 250-day fishing seasons with his big rigs and 15-hp trolling motor, providing far more emissions that contribute to global warming than the average homeowner or industrial worker.

Yet, I find compassion for Bob Rees and the other guides for earning family-wage jobs (or perhaps better) and building their client bases while taking potentially endangered fish species and, at the same time, causing above average global warming emissions.

Bob's letter tells me we need more local community working solutions and less finger pointing.

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## No FEMA aid for us

Regarding the article, "FEMA says no to aid for fixing levee" (*Headlight-Herald*,

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March 14), my father and I own The Cash Company and two pieces of commercial property on 101 in the flood area. We also received 16 inches of water in our buildings and have been told we are not eligible for any help at all. We have suffered greatly and even many months later are still cleaning and trying to salvage what we can.

It is very upsetting to hear about businesses all around us being offered money to move or elevate only to be told to fend for ourselves and that we get no help at all.

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