

## LOCAL BREAKDOWN: JULY 23, 2010

The Portland Business Journal reports that the state of Oregon has jumped into a legal battle between the Environmental Protection Agency and a group backed by the oil, steel and chemical industries.

At issue is the EPA's move last year to begin requiring permits for large industrial sources of greenhouse gas emissions. The oil-steel-chemical group went to court to block the rule, and 12 states jumped in on the side of the EPA.

"The science is clear," Oregon Attorney General John Kroger said in a statement quoted by the PBJ. "Global climate change harms public health, and the EPA is taking the right approach by focusing on the big sources of pollution."

OPB News writes of a new federal report on southwest Oregon forests.

Rep. Peter DeFazio, one of four Oregon congressmen who have condemned the report, said it contains too much analysis and too little action. "Now they've got a plan to have a plan, after a year, and they say it'll take another three years. I just find this absurd," OPB reported. Environmental and timber lobbyists didn't care much for the report, either.

The report urges a three-year go-slow period, sticking to non-controversial timber sales that aren't likely to bump up against environmental laws.

Finally, Idea Mensch, the site that focuses on people who are bringing ideas to life, focuses on the inspirational story of Patrick King.

King built ImagineDesign, a full-service branding and research agency with clients like Nestle and Rubbermaid. He started his climb from the rock bottom of homelessness.

King dispenses this valuable bit of advice:

***"If you have this one thing, you can go anywhere in life and know no boundaries. It's called passion."***