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To Whom It May Concern:

Essential Flight Operations, LLC. (EFO) annually assists Merrill & Ring Forest Products with forestry spray operations in western Washington and Oregon. Over the last 3 years EFO has provided helicopter services for multiple vegetation management projects I oversee. Their staff is knowledgeable regarding the aircraft they are using and products they are applying, and they maintain a high level of commitment to safety, accuracy, and efficiency. Pilots and ground crew are well informed regarding project goals and objectives, and they embrace new technologies to help the landowner and their company achieve better outcomes.

I will continue to utilize Essential Flight Operations, LLC. for services in 2019, and I highly recommend EFO to anyone looking for aerial spray application, regardless of how big or small the project may be.

Sincerely,

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Merrill & Ring Forest Products, LP