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The Pacific NW economy continues to be very interested in air quality and the quality of life to attract tourism. In order to further support the health and welfare of this economy and its citizens, I would strongly recommend that the NWS complete the national coastal Doppler network by installing, on the Southwestern coast of Washington State, the long missing weather station. .

We are in the forestry business in NW Oregon and SW Washington and know firsthand how helpful it would be to have more accurate predictions of wind rain so that we and other forest owners can time our slash pile burning knowing that rain is coming. T This will significantly reduce the risk of forest fire as well as reduce the time of smoke generation if we can count on Mother nature to help us put the silvacultural fires out in a timely manner.

Tourist attractions on the coast including beach resorts (we used to own one), campgrounds and sportfishing companies would all benefit. The construction industry would also benefit especially when pouring concrete slabs, streets and sidewalks.

In the interest of equal treatment for all coastal States in the US, the installation of an unmanned station in the Westport area would seem to be a very logical next step for the National Weather Service.

Please let us know what we can do to expedite the construction of this last missing pearl in the necklace of Doppler stations that protect the voters in the lower 48!