## HB 2225A: **Clarifying the Forest Template Dwelling Statute** and Protecting Oregon's **Working Forests**

Lane Creek

two High Heaven Rd

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## Template dwelling background

- Allows a new non-forest dwelling in forest zones and some areas zoned mixed farm-forest
- Allows dwellings in areas that had numerous parcels and dwellings that existed before 1993
- Added to statute by HB 3661 (1993)
  - ORS 215.750, OAR 660-006-0027



## Problems with the statute:

- Lack of clarity as to how it works with property line adjustments and deed records
- Result: abuse of this tool to create rural subdivisions in prime forest land where the lots otherwise would not qualify for dwellings







Example of lot line adjustment plus template statute, resulting in 13 possible dwellings:





## HB 2225A:

- Product of diverse stakeholder workgroup
- Represents a compromise
- Prospective only:
  - Cannot use lot line adjustments *after* Jan 1, 2019 to qualify for more dwellings on forestland
  - One dwelling per tract, as it exists on Jan 1, 2019
- This bill protects forests, protects people and reduces wildfire risk.