

My name is Eric Evenson and our family has been involved in Oregon timber management since 1902. Currently my 6th generation grandson is enrolled in the Forestry Program at Oregon State University.

I am very concerned about the future of forestry in Oregon with the direction proposed legislation such as cap and trade is heading.

For our logging operation the increased fuel expense alone would be \$82,000 per year. This is an amount that we cannot pass on to the people we sell logs to. If our logs get too expensive, the buyers will look at purchasing them from other suppliers such as New Zealand, Europe and Russia.

Our understanding is that some of our older equipment may eventually have to comply with stricter emission standards. We have a 1976 Caterpillar grader that is in great condition and is only needed approximately three months out of the year during road-building season and then only part-time. If we are forced to replace it, the cost would be approximately \$450,000. We have other pieces of equipment just like the grader that are only used occasionally but are necessary to our operation.

We have been told that as part of this proposed legislation, the State Forests will be placed under carbon credits. Our question is how does that affect the annual state harvest? If it reduces the annual cut, Stimson Sawmill in our town will most likely not survive since the majority of what they manufacture comes from state lands. They are the primary source of large logs in our area. If Stimson doesn't survive, where will we sell our large logs? How will a reduced harvest affect our school funding? How many jobs will be lost?

In our operation, we have twenty-five families whose livelihood depend on us so we are hoping you look at the impact of this proposed legislation and vote it down. Please don't push business out of Oregon or bankrupt businesses that stay.