

Please do not tax small woodland owners more! We have a vested interest in keeping our forests free from fire. Many of us, like my family, live in them, and we work hard to protect our lives let alone our final product ...a timber harvest. Please instead look to create incentives to help small woodland owners bring value to their forests and fire out of them. Raising taxes will work against healthy forests by reducing the incentive to manage them ...which takes much effort (time and money).

Data shows that ~90% wildland fires are caused by people. The majority of those people are from urban areas or recreating on public property, and not the private large and small owners of forests ...go figure!

Thanks for considering my request, Marc Ahrendt