

I am strongly opposed to this new tax on timber. It seems to me that Democrats stay up late at night dreaming of more schemes to raise money, usually at the expense of innocent people. This isn't about caring for our forests at all. It's about finding one more way to hurt Oregonians and enrich government. In the 18 years I have lived in Oregon, I have seen incredible power grabs by the Democrat dominated state often designed to hurt those in our timber towns. The spotted owl nonsense put many good people out of work and nearly destroyed small towns associated with harvesting and replanting timber. We have implemented great plans to preserve our forests while still being able to harvest and use those trees. This new tax must be stopped.