

March 3, 2021

RE: House Bill 2357 (AGAINST)

Dear Representative Witt and members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources:

I am writing to encourage you to please vote NO on HB 2357!

I am a consulting Certified Wildlife Biologist® and the owner of a small wildlife consulting firm. The focus of my work is to assist large and small landowners manage intentionally for wildlife. In addition, my family owns and manages forest land in Benton, Lane and Lincoln Counties. I have over 20 years of experience managing wildlife in forested ecosystems. I'm a Past President of the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society and past Chair of the Oregon Society of American Foresters – and a current member of both. Being active in both societies allows me the opportunity to help wildlife and forestry professionals communicate and discuss common goals. My entire professional career focuses on working with landowners to promote sustainable timber harvest. Much of my work is developing and implementing biodiversity management plans for timber companies. Through this effort I have developed management plans for over 650,000 acres extending throughout western Oregon.

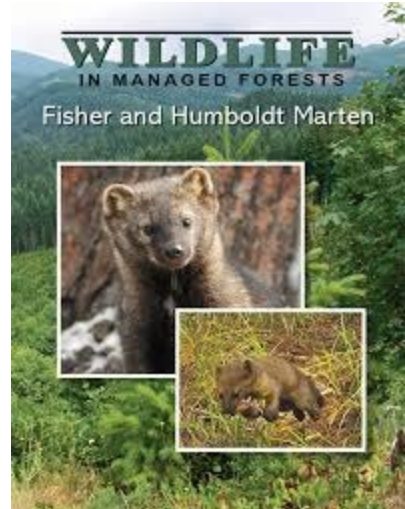


In addition, I am the Contract Wildlife Biologist for the Oregon Forest Resources Institute. I have been working as their biologist for almost 10 years. I am directly involved in the Wildlife in Managed Forests Program which is part of the bigger Landowner Education Program. The goal of Wildlife in Managed Forests Program is to support OFRI's mission of advancing the public's understanding of how forest stewardship meets social, environmental and economic needs of both present and future generations. Specifically, the Wildlife in Managed Forests Program uses outreach and education to help forest landowners understand how to effectively manage their forests for both healthy wildlife populations and sustainable timber production.

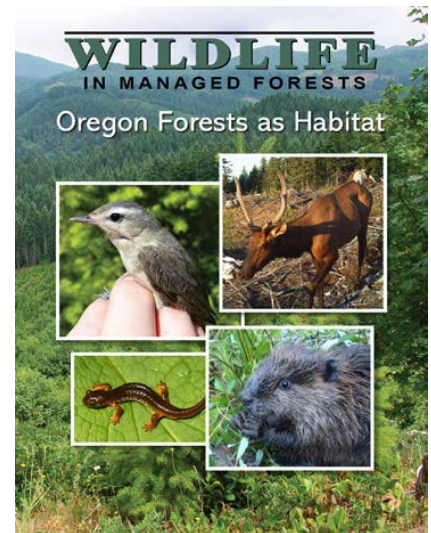
Over the last decade I have developed multiple fact sheets, booklets, websites, and have developed in person and online classes, participated in field tours, and organized conferences

that have brought researchers and land managers (both foresters and wildlife biologists) together to discuss the research and learn about changes in on the ground management for the benefit of wildlife.

One of our recent publications "[Fisher and Humboldt Marten](#)" has been used by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to inform their recent listing of the coastal (Humboldt marten). The USFWS incorporated the management recommendations in the OFRI publication in their 4(d)-rule designed to protect marten habitat in coastal Oregon forests.



Another of our publications is a [priority species guide to wildlife living in Oregon forests](#). Landowners can use this guide to help focus wildlife management actions on their land. This book is used widely by small woodland owners throughout Oregon.



Our most recent publication is [Oregon Forests as Habitat](#). This publication summarizes current research and offers priority actions for wildlife that can be implemented on any size forest.

I encourage you to take a look at some of resources that are available from the Wildlife in Managed Forests Program. They are hugely beneficial to landowners and interested Oregonians. All our publications can be found online at <https://oregonforests.org/publications>.

OFRI has many more programs that benefit Oregonians including their K-12 program, Talk about Trees, Forests Today and Forever, and the Rediscovery Forest at the Oregon Garden (to name a few).

In summary, I encourage you to review the publications available because of OFRI. I encourage you to talk to teachers and landowners who have benefited from the programs developed by OFRI. Eliminating OFRI is wrong and would be a huge loss to Oregonians. The only conclusion is to vote no on HB 2357.

Thank you

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