

This additional tax is just plain wrong!! Much of the timber sold in Oregon comes from struggling small family farms and estates. These individuals already pay 15% - 20% capital gains tax (in 2020) when timber is sold, income tax to Oregon, and Forest Products Harvest Tax!! Why an additional tax from Oregon? Because this is a minority group of taxpayers you can squeeze additional, wasteful future spending from? And their numbers are small enough you think their objections can be overlooked? Shame on you!! This past year, much timber sold came from individuals forced to sell their trees after devastating wild fires. And at huge losses. Why burden these select individuals with an additional tax? It's like a giant slap in the face! With the cost of logging, taxes, mandated replanting (another tax), and additional, unexpected expenses, the profit margin from logging timber is very slim, if any. Please stop unnecessary taxation!! Curb your spending!! Don't cherry pick minority groups to place unnecessary taxes upon!! And how about this, open Oregon up, stop the COVID 19 shutdowns, and get everyone back to work! That will generate lots of taxable revenue!!