

As a retired forester (ODF- 35 years), I strongly oppose putting a severance tax on silvicultural products (timber). By contrast Oregon does not impose a severance tax on agricultural products and we must not put this tax on silvicultural products.

Timber takes decades and decades to grow to be a size that is economical to manage and harvest.

When Oregon was settled, timber might be considered to be a 'found' resource. This has not been true for decades. Timber is a result of planting and management.

Please don't tax an industry that has taken many hard knocks in recent years and especially this past September.

Please do not pass HB2379.