

I am opposed to eliminating the Oregon Forest Resources Institute and Oregon Forest Resources Institute Fund. I have seen the work and dedication that is funded by this program, my mother is a Talk About Trees teacher for the Women in Timber program that is free to teachers and schools. She comes into the classroom, or more recently the online programs for each district, and teaches our young children tree and nature identification and the importance of our natural resources in Oregon. She loves her job, she loves working with kids, and to take that program would be a great loss to the community. In this tough time during the pandemic she encouraged schools, teachers, and children to get creative and environmentally conscious within their own homes and yards. The Talk About Trees program is incredibly important and crucial to the school system, the incredible people that work to help young minds are positive role models and need all the help they can get financially and from community outreach. Thank you for your time.