

Dear Chairman Witt and Members of the Committee,

As someone who lives in a forested area of Oregon--and have much of my life--I find the Oregon Forest Resources Institute to be an embarrassment to the people and state of Oregon. The Institute routinely argues in favor of intensive logging, misrepresents Oregon forest laws as being strong when in fact they are pitifully weak, and propagandizes against scientific findings. Why is this being funded? I have seen first hand the results of Oregon's weak forest laws: short rotations, erosion, destruction of soils and the mosaic of natural forests, degradation of water quality and fish habitat. It bad enough to permit these activities--it adds insult to injury to support apologists for such actions.

Please get rid of the Forest Institute and use the funds to support healing our forests, including private forests lands.

Thank you.

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