

OFRI has been misleading children over the years as a way of furthering the aim of the timber industry to - well, cut more trees - whether they be on PUBLIC lands or private.

We cannot prevent logging on Wall Street held property but the public should not be misinformed on the 'value' of essentially destroying habitat.

I therefore implore you to de-fund OFRI and instead give the money to groups and individuals who can educate homeowners on the value of

fire-proofing their homes. One of the groups poised to do this is the Northwest Youth Corps - a group of 15-19 year olds who take on forest

projects for the COMMON good, not for private gain. If the money designated for OFRI was re-directed to this kind of project, it would be

a win for the kids, a win for the forest and fulfills a common cause for the people which has been super-ceded by the capitalistic quest for more profit.