

The OFRI mission statement:

"The Oregon Forest Resources Institute is dedicated to advancing public understanding of forests, forest management and forest products, and encouraging sustainable forestry through landowner education."

So far I haven't seen a whole lot of that sustainability when I travel around the state. I see a lot of clearcuts on eroding hill and mountain sides though, and to the detriment of OFRI it constantly reminds me of the old bumper sticker from the 80's: "Stumps Don't Lie".

It's remarkable to think that here we have a whole industry so powerful that they can get State lawmakers to use State harvest tax dollars to pay for advertising from OFRI — directed at me — to reassure me that they should continue to receive State taxes to support the very same timber industry that advocates clear cuts over the drinking water of Oregonians in towns like Arch Cape and Corbett.

I have no issues with advertising but the timber industry can afford their own.

As for my OFRI tax dollars — please use them for wildfire protections for Gates, Mill City and Detroit.

Sincerely,

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