

Credible news reports show that the Oregon Forestry Research Institute has become a shill for the timber industry. There may have been a time - before global warming, before we realized that the endless old forests of Cascadia were not endless and could not be exploited endlessly, and before we realized that the days of huge numbers of timber jobs and state dependance on the timber industry were in the rear view mirror - when OFRI performed a valuable function. Even that is debatable, but clearly those days are past and OFRI is a useless appendage of days gone by being funded by the precious dollars of today. And it is performing a function that is counter productive to the needs of tomorrow. Pull the plug on it and reallocate the money to groups such as the Northwest Youth Corps who can help forest communities properly prepare for the fires that will reoccur. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.