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Managed forests provide more than revenue for society. Managed forests sequester carbon, filter water and provide storage of water. Managed forests also provide a matrix of forest types that enhance wildlife populations. Allowing managed forests to be locked up by environmental actions provides a matrix of thick overgrown forests that fuel fires. Our managed forests provide access to remote areas to help patrol and access the forest during fire season. Managing forests under the Oregon Forest Practices Act provides a balance of all of the pillars of sustainability. That being an economic driver, environmental sustainability, and social values of clean water, and recreational activities. If more people would look at the science behind actively managed forests rather than an emotional appeal that makes lawyers rich our state and our natural resources would be protected for the "good of all".