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Tillamook County had five (5) major fires in the 1930's. Through collaboration The State of Oregon ended up with the lands and Tillamook County ended up with forestry control and shared revenues. This is an awkward real time operational status.

This operational status now reaches an insulting level of operations wherein we take pride in environmental support of state land management of these lands with documented 89 inches of precipitation annually. I feel insulted by outside attacks on our sustainable forest levels based on averaged textbook standards.

Tillamook County now pays special taxes for fire suppression of the Tillamook State Forest (Westside).

It's our forest, it's our transportation and mill jobs, it's our commitment to the products necessary to address local and state housing shortages. There's also the forestry byproducts generated by this process and also the purchase and maintenance of the numerous equipment's purchased through state chains. It's one major Tillamook County dependency on environmental and economic values. Tillamook County shares recreational activities with all. I support SB 795.

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