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I don't understand how expanding housing further into forest zones can even be contemplated until or unless Oregon ever emerges from these times of drought and severe wildfire risk! We bought our home in rural Yamhill County before these problems became so severe and have lived with looming anxiety every fire season since the terrible fires of 2020. We have worked every year since then to harden our property and improve fire safety to protect our home, with considerable effort and expense, but we worry about elderly neighbors or those with fewer resources. There is so much more that needs to be done to help homeowners in forested areas protect their lives and property. Trying to ease our current housing crisis by increasing housing in forest zones is a temporary fix that will only create greater suffering and public expense later on.