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I am concerned that funding for state government work with climate change efforts be as generous as possible and am especially concerned that SB530 be well supported. Our natural resources departments will be establishing a new program seeking maximum storage of carbon in land, plants and trees all over Oregon. There will be research to establish best practices, promotion of participation, awarding of support funds and surveillance of process and outcomes.

The desired results of the program will be sequestering of immense increase in the amount carbon stored in soil, wetlands, plant crops and forest. This will be an on-going large contribution to our Oregon share of green house gas production. The program will ALSO sustainably:

- boost rural economies,
- increase soil quality,
- increase crop yields,
- increase long term timber production,
- increase stream volume,
- increase water quality,
- stabilize the water table

We need that the timber and working land departments have sufficient skilled staff to create a stellar program and that there be adequate funds available to match Infrastructure and IRA funds.

Respectfully,
Bill Harris