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Oregon's forests have been heavily logged - one only need look at a satellite photo to see that. It's time to STOP LOGGING THE OLD GROWTH. We have younger forests that can sustain local communities with jobs and tax revenue until those communities diversify and no longer rely upon industrial logging. WE DO NOT NEED TO CUT THE OLD GROWTH TREES, RATHER WE NEED TO SAVE THEM. These second-growth forests (>100 years old and > 21" diameter) ought to be left alone and in fact nurtured in their wild state. Why? Why not? Do loggers really want to take all the older trees, leaving nothing but dirt? Can any animals live there? Can any carbon be sequestered in dirt? These elder trees are a precious heritage of our state and must be preserved from short-sighted people who just want to 'get out the cut'. I am seeing elder trees go past my home every day now - and have for the past 3 months. There is a concerted effort to cut everything before President Biden's decree can be made law. I say SHAME ON ANYONE WHO KILLS THESE ELDER TREES! When will it stop? I'll tell you: when there is nothing left but mono-forests that support no one. This bill is bad and I OPPOSE IT.
Thank you