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Water

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As a rural landowner and part of the natural resource community, I encourage your support of HB4106. Timber is a sustainable resource. It is just like a agricultural crop, which is planted with the intent to harvest, harvested and replanted. The forestlands need to be managed for the most carbon sequestration. Without proper management, harvesting and replanting of our state forests, Oregon will see more wildfires. People talk about how wonderful the old growth forests are but in reality those trees eventually decay and die. Due to the proposed State HCP and impacts of PFA, Oregonians are reading of mill closures in rural Oregon and the loss of jobs to rural communities.. Our community has experienced such mill closures over the years with huge economic impacts to our communities, county government, and the loss of jobs for our young people. Supporting HB4106 is the right thing to do for all Oregonians.