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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon Opposes HB 4106

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HB4106

I OPPOSE [HB 4106].

[HB 4106] appears to be an "End-Run" around the "Habitat Conservation Area Plan."

Harvesting Trees involves construction of "dirt roads" to facilitate transport of harvested trees. Sediments from this operation will destroy habitat for wildlife. The sediment destroys aquatic vegetation and dissolved oxygen needed to support salmonid fishes and other dissolved oxygen dependent aquatic wildlife.

Air and noise pollution effects on animals is not addressed.

[HB 4106] is not "Bird, Coyote, Deer, Elk, Cougar and all other forest animals friendly."

I haven't seen any improvement in re-forestation from "clear-cut" areas. There is "No" discussion concerning needs and or funding for "Greenhouse Operations" to propagate new trees for planting.

[HB 4106] fails to address "Forest Management" with reference to clearing of dead brush and trees as a "wild-fire" preventative measure.

[HB 4106] serves to give corporate lumber entities more access to state lands. Harvests from corporate lumber operations initially serves to decrease lumber prices until, the small private lumber entities can no longer afford to operate their respective businesses.

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