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Forest management activities are complex. This Bill is representative of only the Timber Industry version of what a forest is. Our State Forests must serve the needs of all the people in Oregon. This Bill completely ignores the draft HCP currently going through the NEPA process. The drafted HCP has gone through a three-phase study of Initiation and Scoping, Negotiation Strategies, and now a NEPA analysis. None of that is even acknowledged in this bill. The draft HCP is a commitment to the "Greatest Permanent Value" that provides social and environmental benefits to people who value the ecological integrity of our state forests. This Bill does not account for the need to protect endangered species, or anything other than cutting down our forests. The moist forests of the Oregon Coast Range are among the most productive forests in the world and can accumulate vast quantities of carbon. Any FMP must adapt to climate change and mitigate its impacts on the management of state forest lands.