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Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I oppose HB 3103. This a bad idea in so many ways. The private timber companies are treating their tree plantations as a farmer would tree row crops. The timber companies call it a forest but it never gets to a forest level. A forest is a complex ecosystem that protects wildlife, fish, water and air quality. Timber companiies' plantations do not meet this criteria. Their trees are a crop to be rotated frequently to satisfy stock investors.

We cannot allow this to Oregon state forests.

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