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Let me begin by referencing The Greatest Permanent Value rule: healthy, productive, and sustainable forest ecosystems that over time and across the landscape provide a full range of social, economic, and environmental benefits to the people of Oregon. How can that rule apply if HB 3103 becomes law? It won't!

HB 3103 will require the DOF to pass a timber harvest rule thereby prioritizing logging over the many other social and environmental values of our state forests, such as carbon absorption and storage, clean water, fish and wildlife habitat.

Under its Forest Management Plan the ODF already sets ten-year harvest level goals, though not subject by rule. As a steward of public lands, the ODF balances financial obligations and environmental and social considerations. If HB 31013 were to become law, the Climate Change and Carbon Plan that was implemented in 2021 and the HCP that has been years in the making are at risk.

The GPV rule under HB 3103, if passed, will read the greatest value for the timber industry at the expense of other values.