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Oregon's public forests aren't just trees—they are lifelines for our climate, clean water, fish and wildlife, and future generations. Our State Forests alone provide drinking water for over half a million people, shelter six salmon stronghold rivers, and sustain imperiled species like the marbled murrelet, coastal marten, and red tree vole.

After years of public input, the State Board of Forestry took a step in the right direction—adopting a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). It's not perfect; it still allows logging. But it also protects critical forests and rivers for the future. And the timber barons fought the plan tooth and nail.

Now, they're at it again. Despite decades of aggressive clearcutting, corporate logging giants and their political allies want even more. They are demanding high levels of clearcutting on top of the HCP, and when the Department of Forestry can't reconcile that destruction with conservation laws, let timber corporations sue the state to force even more clearcuts.

Tell your legislators to reject the greed of timber corporations and protect our forests. These lands belong to all of us—not just the timber barons.