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I have attended field trips into our National forests where proposed mature and old growth logging will occur under the guise of “protecting “ communities . However, these projects are miles away from communities they say that the thinning , mastication, and logging will protect. It is obvious that this logging is not happening for protection, but for the industry’s needs for raw product. We reviewed multiple proposed sites with trees marked for logging. All these sites displayed excellent habitat for wildlife with mature and old growth trees mainly present. Every one of these sites should be left alone due to the predominant types of trees (ponderosas) , which store vast amounts of carbon and are very resistant to wildfires. HB 3103 will only give a mandate to conduct more of this giveaway of our national forests to industry.

I urge you to reject House Bill 3103, which would force the Department of Forestry to log our public forests at reckless and unsustainable levels.

Oregonians expect their leaders to stand up for our environment, not cave to the demands of timber executives seeking bigger profits.

The State Forest HCP was developed with years of public input, and the courts have upheld Oregon’s right to manage these forests for multiple benefits (County of Linn v. State of Oregon).

Oregon’s state forests are meant to serve all of us. Now is the time to make it clear that these lands must be managed for clean water, wildlife, recreation, and future generations—not just logging.