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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I strongly oppose House Bill 3103 and disagree with the premise that our state lands, which have enormous value for tourism, carbon retention, clean water supply, and natural diversity, must be used for profit. These belong to the public and are not monetary playthings.

Our legal system agrees that the citizens of Oregon have a right to fully enjoy all the benefits of our forests, per the State Forest HCP. It is ironic to me that our own state government threatens the longterm viability of this fabulous and unique resource. Please don't let the fox in the henhouse!

Why do private entities think they can buy from the public at a premium and leave destruction in their wake? Let them manage their own private resources, within reason. Look at Google Earth and see the bare patches from old style clearcutting and road building. There is no hiding this from the public now. Thank you from this 30 some year resident of Oregon.