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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural  
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I live in the Manning Oregon coast range where the clear cuts are extreme and Weyerhaeuser sell off clear cut land instead of reforesting. We need our forest to be multi species to protect against disease. We need creeks and small river to be protected with tree shade from over heating which kills fish. The entire eco system depends on proper management for fire with small select burns, protected stream beds to stop silting of the water, and steep slope tree root networks protections to stop landslides.

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.

Please reject HB 3103.