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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I vehemently oppose HB 3103 which would prioritize timber harvest over all other uses of our state forests. It would undermine protections for Oregon's state forests by putting clearcuts above fish, wildlife, clean water, recreation and that Oregonian's cherish. This includes halting implementation of the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan which many Oregonians cherish because it represents our own interests and those of future generations.

I also find the high potential of an increase in litigation to be not only off-putting but costly. HB 3103 would establish a new right to sue the Oregon Department of Forestry over state forest timber harvest plans to obtain court orders that compel more clearcuts on public land.

Please join me in opposing this legislation that is not in the best interests of our beautiful state forests or the Oregonians who love them.