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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I oppose HB 3103 because it mandates logging above all other considerations for Oregon's state forests. These forests serve many other well-known purposes for all Oregonians, not just those who harvest and plant trees as a crop. Requiring logging to take precedence over other legitimate management priorities essentially turns our state forests over to the timber industry. That ignores the vast majority who value state forests as more than just a crop. Watersheds, biodiversity, recreation, foraging, hunting and fishing, and soils are already impacted by locked gates and forestry rules that allow for considerable damage to Northwest forests. Timber companies have their own land to manage as a crop. We cannot devote vast portions of our state forests to that single purpose, as well. Discard HB 3103.

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