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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

As a long time Oregonian, I encourage your support of HB 3103 which directs the State Forester to establish sustainable harvest levels for harvesting timber on state forestland and develop a timber inventory model to inform sustainable harvest levels. Having read much of the submitted testimony, I encourage you to look past the narrative brought about by the anti-harvest sector of Oregon. Establishing sustainable harvest levels for harvesting timber on state forestland is essential for good management practices and the planting of new trees that are free to grow adds to the carbon sequestration of those lands. As we have seen these last few years, Oregon is burning up tons of timber and destroying wildlife and the environment because of improper management of the multitude of timberland owned by the government and not fighting the fires when they first begin. This bill is a positive road forward for Oregon's state timberland. Thank you for the opportunity to express my view and please support HB 3103.