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HB3103

As a mom, someone who hikes and fishes, and a land owner who is a careful steward of my own small piece of Oregon forest, 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 and for the good of all Oregonians, not cave to the demands of timber executives seeking bigger profits. We are so lucky to live in such a unique and beautiful place. Our family loves to spend time together in the outdoors. Our kid is beginning their adult life. I want to know that I'll be able to take my grandchildren hiking in our favorite places and teach them to fish in our favorite lakes. I want to know that they'll be able to share that kind of time with their own children and grandchildren. Every Oregonian deserves that. We have a good plan in place to make that happen. 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. Thank you.