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We need to protect the few forests that still exist in Oregon, especially the Old Growth Forests. On the Oregon Coast, our forests are being completely destroyed by the timber companies! There seems to be no end to their cycle of chopping trees that are young (these trees do not emit oxygen and they suck up a lot of water), then they spray dangerous pesticides on the land which kills native growth and wildlife in the area, not to mention the danger of potential cancer to the humans in the vicinity. It is a horrible cycle that has ruined the watershed in Rockaway Beach and many other communities. This is crazy — and because Timber companies are rich, they have clout in the Oregon legislature, unfortunately. How can we stop this cycle?? Not by increasing the huge amounts of forests that are already destroyed!

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