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

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I am writing in support of timber harvesting. As a person seventy years old I am seeing the same forest cut for a second time in my lifespan, thus they are a renewable resource. Sustained yield is the way to go. Properly managed forest will give us a better opportunity to turn around these ever-increasing forest fires and their sizes.

Logging once funded schools at a high level, not the near bankruptcies I'm hearing of today. Logging provided jobs which one supported many smaller communities through commerce, industry, home ownership and other. This was the flavor of Oregon. If you want a rural life you could have it, if a city life it's there too. But now we are killing off small communities and with it small business.

Balance is paramount to success as a society. Swinging the pendulum on again off again isn't productive in any manner. When the ODF "defunded" its self wasn't smart and not a good management policy.

Find the middle road I support this bill

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