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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to confirm my opposition to House Bill 3103, along with its amendments. This bill will prioritize timber harvesting over other values on state forest land, including policies to protect wildlife habitat, clean water, and recreation. It will also undermine the new State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan, which provides balanced, and common-sense, protection for 17 species of salmon and other wildlife that are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act.

It will also result in more litigation, establishing a new right to sue ODF over state forest timber harvest plans to obtain court orders that will lead to more clear-cuts on public land.

One of the things that make Oregon so special is its natural beauty and greenery, and its commitment to preserving and protecting its greenspace, and its unique wildlife and ecosystems. I urge you to oppose HB 3103. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.