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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I strongly oppose HB 3103, which would result in more clearcuts and habitat degradation on state forestland. It would also allow the timber industry to sue the state forester for not harvesting enough timber on this public land, which is a very dangerous precedent to set and should not be allowed to go through. We need a state forester who will protect habitat, will respond to the threats of climate change and protect homes from wildfires. Conservation, climate change mitigation and protecting ecosystems should be the primary focus. There should be less timber harvest altogether, certainly not more.