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The State of Oregon needs to utilize its natural resources to support rural communities in Oregon. The reduction of acres which can be used for timber production on Federal lands has resulted in a 90% drop in annual timber sale volume in the Coos Bay District of Bureau of Land Management. This drastic action has hit Coos County jobs and revenue extremely hard. In addition, the State no longer harvests timber from the Elliott State Forest which used to sustainably produce 55 million board feet of timber for harvest annually in Coos and Douglas Counties. The new Forest Accord rules has also removed acres of timber production from private timberlands. If increasing housing in the State is a priority, Oregon needs to establish sustainable levels of timber harvest from its timberland in order to fulfill the demand for wood products needed to produce these homes.