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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

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

I oppose HB 3103 and its amendments for a few reasons.

This bill prevents ODF from implementing its Climate Change and Carbon Plan (Climate Plan) adopted in 2021 with the goal of establishing Oregon as a national leader in climate-smart forestry. HB 3101 requires a rule establishing 10-year harvest levels that would preempt the Climate Plan.

It would threaten safe drinking water for over 500,000 residents who rely on state forest watersheds

The State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) provides protection for salmon and wildlife that are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. ODF is currently following the guidelines of the HCP while awaiting final approval by federal agencies. HB3103 would prohibit ODF from using the HCP until it is approved by federal agencies. Given that the Trump administration is currently trying to burn the entire government down by cutting every federal agency in sight, final approval could be delayed for years, if not forever, and what will be left of our beautiful state at that time.

I ask you to oppose this bill. Focus instead on measures to increase carbon storage in our state forest and safeguard our public resources for our children and future generations.

Please do NOT let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely,