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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I oppose House Bill 3103 (HB 3103) because it prioritizes timber harvesting over other forest values. This bill would result in fewer habitats for wildlife and salmon, more lawsuits. Oregon forests earn more money in tourism than any income generated from timber harvesting. Tourism dollars from foraging, recreation, hunting, and fishing on public lands far outweigh and give back each year to taxpayers than a one time harvest. Value is in land preservation and established forests rather than one time cut. Look at the tourism data.