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How many times have you heard that Oregon is rich in natural resources? Well, we can choose to be choosy. Timber harvest is in demand, but we have integrity and know what we have. There should be extremely stringent and profitable measures and contracts on who, what, and how ANYONE wants to harvest in our old-growth forest. This would not only apply to harvesters but also the state legislation. Oregon has that power, expect nothing less. Do not back down from the backbone of Forest Habitat Conservation Plans. We must be the example. The Climate Change and Carbon Plan (Climate Plan) for state forests will establish Oregon as a national leader in climate-smart forestry. And it could be even better for all of us in Oregon in these times. There is legal recourse, it's there: plenty of Portland-based lawyers, etc. would gladly offer their time on these plans and our state rights. DO NOT establish a new right to sue the Oregon Department of Forestry over state forest timber harvest plans to obtain court orders that compel more clear cuts on public land. Set a high precedent and integrity for a much better plan.