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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I strongly oppose HB 3103. This bill prioritizes timber harvest over other values on state forests, undermines the new State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and prevents ODF from implementing its Climate Change and Carbon Plan. In 2021, the Board of Forestry adopted a Climate Change and Carbon Plan (Climate Plan) for state forests with the goal of establishing Oregon as a national leader in climate-smart forestry. HB 3103 requires a rule establishing 10-year harvest levels that would preempt the Climate Plan. At a time where the Trump Administration will be doing everything it can cut down forests nationwide, we need Oregon to be a leader in protecting state forests.