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From what I have observed in my nearly 50 years living in Oregon is that the term "sustainable". What was defined as sustainable in the '80s and '90s is now far from it. I observe private tree farms that are now failing. Soils have been depleted and warming, longer and dryer summers are taking their toll on younger trees.

The private timber industry has moved from sustainable harvests to what I now define as extraction. The private timber industry, because it has stressed its own resources is now applying pressure on the state forest to supply their insatiable mills. Witness one company retooling its mill to process ever younger trees as young as 20 years old! This is not sustainable. I have very little faith that the state forests, under HB 3103 will truly design a sustainable harvest rate. With global warming in our faces the ODF must be prepared to respond by ceasing timber sales in the name of forest survival. I strongly oppose HB 3103.