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Natural Resources

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As a young Oregonian I am excited and privileged to improve my state's ecological and community health. By supporting the progress made through cooperation between commercial and ecological interest groups, our legislators can prove they care about creating a foundation for my generation to continue doing the right thing for our state.

We are at a critical point concerning the token species of our state, both our native trees and our salmon populations. It's time to protect and back the Habitat Conservation Plan that moves us toward proper stewardship of our land for the future.

Please fully fund \$10 million for the SFISH grant program for small forestland owners and \$6 million for the adaptive management program to evaluate the effectiveness of the new rules in the Oregon Department of Forestry's budget (Senate Bill 5521).