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Politicizes the role of State Forester

Undermines the stability and credibility of the Oregon Department of Forestry

Erodes public trust

Reduces accountability and oversight

Removes forestry experience as a requirement for leadership

Disempowers the Board of Forestry, which was created to represent diverse perspectives in managing Oregon's forests.

Oregon Department of Forestry is and has always done a fabulous job. We do not need a governor appointment. We need to let the Forestry Department select the most qualified. Not someone with political motivation to direct our teams.