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Myself and many others have been working towards and supporting improvements to the Private Forest Accord for some years now. A key element of the PFA is that the state needs to secure a federally-approved Habitat Conservation Plan by December 31, 2027. At this point, funding is the next critical requirement. Without funding, all that effort to secure improved protections for water, forests, and fish on over 10 million acres of Oregon's private industrial forestlands could be lost. Please support HB 5009 to fund ODFW for the Private Forest Accord Grant Program. Listen, efforts on the Private Forest Accord have achieved something remarkable: Timber representatives and Conservation groups are working together and in agreement\*! So I am writing in support of HB5009 so appropriations are given ... primarily to the generations of Oregonians to come by protecting clean water, healthier forests, and thriving wildlife via an improved Forest Practices Act. This so important. Thank you.