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Typically, private timberland owners fight fires that occur on their property on their own to the extent that they can. They do so as quickly and efficiently as possible. They don't wait for fires to blow up and get out of control. Fires that start on Federal and state lands are left to burn then get out of control. At the very least, Private timberland holders should NOT be punished with additional taxes. Providing some assistance from lottery funds for both fire readiness and suppression would be a good use of funds. It seems like our urban politicians are clueless when regards to rural Oregon- from farms & ranches to private timberland holders. They continue to tax, regulate and add more rules and regulations making it more and more difficult for them to stay in business. It's long overdue to help not hinder. Stop taxing rural Oregonians. Help not harm. Vote yes on this measure