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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3846

Esteemed Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment,

I'm writing to urge you to oppose HB 3846, which raises serious concerns about public recreational access to the Ochoco National Forest. My family and I spend a lot of time in the Ochocos, hunting, fishing, camping, and enjoying the natural landscape that makes living here in Oregon great. HB 3846 puts that having that sort of relationship with the landscape of the Ochocos at risk for my family and thousands of other Oregonians.

The bill raises serious concerns about potentially restricted access to these lands for hunting, angling, and other recreational activities that are crucial to Oregon's outdoor traditions and economy. By potentially bypassing NEPA oversight, this legislation could reduce public participation and environmental review, allowing state management to prioritize extractive industries over balanced, multiple-use management. Existing programs like the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) and the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP) have successfully demonstrated collaborative management and proactive fire mitigation measures without the need for leasing or land transfer, thus preserving public access and environmental safeguards.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
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