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I oppose HB 3846 because it is a dangerous step towards the privatization of public lands. The Oregon Department of Forestry is already stretched thin and would likely be unable to effectively handle management of the Ochoco National Forest, especially in the face of severe and frequent wildfires. I believe this would leave ODF with no option but to resort to environmentally destructive, but lucrative, extractive industries such as logging and mining. I believe in the multiple use mandate, however, I do not believe that conservation and recreation would be adequately prioritized under ODF management.