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The current forestry tax system works well and should not be replaced. HB 3489 replaces the current system and directs funds away from proven landowner focus programs like OFRI - and into state run accounts with unproven outcomes. Owners that are certified sustainable are limited to FSC certification, ignoring other recognized certification programs. We are certified with American Tree Farm System which is third party certified but not recognized under this bill. As small woodland owners, we appreciate OFRI's publications, education and outreach to the general public and forestland owners.