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HB3489

HB 3489 is bad legislation and poor public policy that will harm and undermine the legacy of Oregon's family forest owners.

Aside from proposing an unwarranted tax increase as much as 800% on timber harvests under the false premise of "fire protection," HB 3489 language will actually repeal the critical structure for funding and administering wildfire protection in Oregon. This unconscionable bill will destroy the efforts of diverse stakeholders in the "Wildfire 35" committee seeking to reach compromise on HB 3940 and address Oregon's wildfire funding emergency.

Instead, HB 3489 uses smoke and mirrors to siphon off 40% of revenue collected to county general funds with no promise of dedication to fire protection.