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It was crazy to stop the timber severance tax. I worked at the Department of Revenue at the time this was enacted, and people in my department thought it was a terrible thing to do, and figured some legislators got donations for their campaigns so they voted for it. Why should the residents and small forest owners have to pick up the tab for wildfires on big timber companies' lands? It doesn't make sense.

Please reinstate the timber severance tax! Due to climate change and other factors, wildfires are getting worse every year. It's going to cost more to put out the fires and to manage the forests in the appropriate ways. Large timber companies must pay their fair share of the cost.