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I have been working in forestry for over 50 years. I oppose eliminating OFRI. Education is the basis of proper forest considerations. Anyone who has actually looked at the services provided by OFRI would see that there is a time to invest in education. Let's don't pull the rug out from under forestry by creating an uninformed population over the generataions.

Tax breaks to one certification system (FSC) is prejudiced. It is best to have more than one certifying entity. This keeps competition in the system so they are compelled to get better, more relevant, and more efficient. Having a monopoly could only be recommended by parties who have a vested or biased view, or other reason to want only one specific entity.