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I support raising the severance tax on large scale logging operations where the cut reaches over 200 acres per unit. I support Oregon ceasing to allow the Oregon Forestry Research Institute to operate. Increasing the severance tax on cut timber will provide needed revenue for the State of Oregon as the costs of environmental degradation are not expressed anywhere in the forestry budget as an offset to its revenue from logging. Costs include erosion from road building and soil disruption into streams and waterways and loss of habitat; air pollution; pesticide usage; logging contributes the greatest carbon emissions of any other industry operating in the state.