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Comments on HB 3489-1 Amendment

I'd like to know why HB 3489-1 Amendment was released at 1:00 pm on Thursday when the hearing was to begin at 3:00 pm. Most of us had left home by then and were on our way to Salem. This action makes it difficult to give any credibility to Oregon's legislative process. Evidently some privileged folks were able to see the new HB 3489 ahead of the general public.

This deviousness makes my testimony outdated and worthless. Pointless for the time spent reading and writing. Bait and switch?

This is still a bill to make growing timber more difficult and expensive. We were told if we agreed to the onerous Private Forest Accord we would not be subject to constant harassment and yet here comes Paul Holvey again with another bill. It never ends!

How about making some real change and requiring the federal government to take some responsibility in managing their dangerously overstocked woodlands? Rarely has a fire started on privately managed timberland unless by a lightning strike. And private landowners are quick to put any fire out! The federal government has a ridiculously low harvest rate which doesn't even keep up with the growth rate. The result is overstocked forests and high fuel load.

Oregon needs to hold the federal government accountable.

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