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I'm totally mystified as to why HB 4105 is even being proposed.

Oregon's State Forester already has a well-researched sustainable harvest plan for state forests. If you want more logs from the forests to sustain civil infrastructure/institutions, please know that INTACT forests provide far more value for the present and the future of Oregonians. Here's why:

****INTACT Oregon State Forests Are Economic Powerhouses!**
600,000+ acres of state forest lands drive a massive \$550M outdoor economy, support over 10,500 jobs, and provide clean drinking water for 500,000 people.

****INTACT**, they can remain the home to six principal salmon rivers and 17 endangered and at risk species. So much dedicated research and study has been devoted to protecting these forests as essential survival habitat. Please be courteously aware of the work done before you. Don't blunder in with log trucks and destroy it.

****And STOP** closing your eyes to the precipitous, ongoing, and obvious weather changes threatening our country and planet. STOP being blind already! There are better ways to fund what is needed. A GREAT DEAL of THOUGHT has already gone into our current balanced-use policies. PLUNDERING them for more timber diminishes them for any other purpose. Intact forests hold atmosphere-polluting carbon safely in place where it can't increase planet warming. Oregon is a big winner in carbon sequestration. This is the vital, indispensable, and CRUCIAL concept everyone here needs to take to heart.

Thanks for your consideration of all the facts.

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