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When I was young, driving to the beach from Portland involved seeing the impact of the Tillamook Burn. Now our son sees far more impact from clearcutting. I saw dozens of mills when driving around the state, our son sees a handful. The employment impact of logging is negligible compared to the past. Logging roads are everywhere, but the money can't be seen in our schools because it goes to executives in Seattle, shareholders, and a state that cannot demonstrate clear value. I would rather see less clearcutting and more salmon and fir than more money in Salem for results that can neither be described nor seen in our community.