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OPPOSE Bill 4105 that allows consideration of timber cutting and disturbance ( that means humans and human vehicles that damage Forest floors and forests for decades, to even evaluate for harvesting timber on state forest lands. Until measure that do not allow human vehicles into areas of concern and options that allow use of or expansion of forestry or timber harvesting roads, do not allow access or screening of this kind in State forests.

We need our forests to function as forests for watersheds for cities and for agriculture and to midigate temperature levels as well as increase soil mosisture levels to stop fires. The famous Alta Dena fires in Los Angeles were not stopped by fire fighters but were stopped when the fire reached the forest zone of unharvested forests. We need these forests and those like them, even on private land to help mitigate climate change.

Thank you for helping to protect our State Forests and natural grassland areas.

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