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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice Chair McDonald and Members of the Committee,

I oppose House Bill 4105, which prioritizes timber production over other forest values on state forests. It is unnecessary (DOF regularly meets or exceeds its timber harvest goals) and would undermine the state forest habitat conservation plan. The results would be more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage.

Just a few reasons why this bill should not leave committee:

- It directly contradicts and undermines other state goals for conservation, climate mitigation, and resilience.
- It's an expensive proposal. Oregon can't afford unneeded legislation with a large fiscal impact.
- It would lead to more costly litigation. It creates a new right to sue the DOF, while only allowing recipients of timber revenue access to the courts to challenge implementation of the timber harvest rule.
- It is short-sighted and misses the opportunity to safeguard our public resources, while achieving multi-benefits.

Please don't let this bill pass out of committee. Instead, I encourage this committee to focus on forward-thinking measures that steward our natural and working lands and waters to achieve multiple benefits - economic, carbon storage, habitat, recreation, and more. This is our responsibility to future generations.

Thank you for your serious consideration,
Amy Carlson