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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

I oppose HB 4105, which would undermine protections for Oregon's state forests by putting clearcuts above fish, wildlife, clean water, recreation, and other values that Oregonians cherish in our state forests. This includes jeopardizing the implementation of the Western State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) that we have fought so hard for, and also preventing the Oregon Department of Forestry from managing its forest to sequester carbon.

We have made tremendous progress protecting clean water and habitat for wildlife like the Marbled Murrelet and Northern Spotted Owl, as well as endangered salmon. This bill would harm all of that hard work, and would also threaten safe drinking water for the half-million residents who rely on state forest watersheds.