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I'm adamantly OPPOSED to clear-cutting timber! Science says (and the timber harvesters know) that clear-cutting is anti-healthy forest (taking all timber growth in a forest section does irreparable (essentially) damage to wildlife habitat, a healthy forest, and does nothing to decrease wildfire danger. I understand the costlier approach to culling timber based on diameter and maintaining the health of a forest. However, it is no longer acceptable to clear-cut with the knowledge we have. As a resident that frequents the outdoors/"wilderness", and chose Oregon to be my home for the beauty of the State and outdoor opportunities, I support protecting our forest stands for now and future generations of Oregonians, and the visitors to come to our State to enjoy the beauty.

Thank you for doing all that you can to protect our forests through science not for private profit.