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When I fly over Oregon, it makes me sick to see so many clearcuts. There is hardly any untouched forest left. According to the book, *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben, it takes 500 years for a forest to regenerate enough to provide the ecosystem functions of an intact forest. I also read that it takes 100 years for a tree to get to the point where it is an efficient carbon sink. We need to be very careful about cutting down forests. Forests provide many functions that are not accounted for in an economy. How much is clean water worth? And clean air? And wildlife habitat, including habitat for fish? Some things are precious beyond dollars.

So please oppose HB 4105 to limit the timber harvest on Oregon Public Lands