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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-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens and Members of the Committee,

I urge you to vote No on HB 4105.

HB 4105 would undermine protections for Oregon's state forests by placing 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) and also preventing the Oregon Department of Forestry from managing its forest to sequester carbon.

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

Please - do not let this bill pass out of committee.

In Stewardship of our State Forests,

Lynn Herring