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This is testimony to oppose the increasing of clearcuts in Oregon which has already been voted down and is being brought up again. Oregon needs to reassess its forestry practices to support a greater variety of occupations and activities, as well as to support a healing of its natural environment for the benefit of not only humans but plants and wildlife and soils as well. Old growth forests have been decimated in Oregon with little thought to longer term habitability and forest health, to the detriment of Oregon, North America, humans, and life in general. The current extinction crisis is directly related to human centric activities, and global warming is just a symptom of this broader taking without caring. Oregon can do better. Instead of staying in the rut of resource extraction please support growth of more environmentally friendly occupations and lifestyles that benefit not only the humans living here but also all the other life beings that inhabit this unique ecosystem. Clear cutting Oregon will not solve the problems of humans living here, it is not a long term solution, and only benefits a few.

I have worked and recreated in Oregon's forests and there is a lot missing when clear cuts are standard practice. There are many better ways to do forestry while remaining ecologically sustainable. Oregon will always be a source of quality lumber, at least in theory, however it needs smart management, and long term reserves. A state of clearcuts is a state of diminishing quality.