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I am opposed to the clear cutting Oregon state forests. After decades of evidence of climate change we need to prioritize intact old growth forests for the carbon sequestration, drinking water, oxygen, wildlife habitat, and recreation, including fishing for salmon and gathering other traditional foods by indigenous folk. Oregon is known the world over for our forests, for hiking, skiing, fishing, boating, mountaineering. Tourist income is a sustainable use for our forests, but not with clear cuts, which degrade ecosystems and lead to loss of key species, erosion, drought, and more destructive fires. On a personal note, I visit the Cascade forests every summer for a week of backpacking. The coast range forests are crucial places of sanctuary throughout the rest of the year for myself and family and friends, for hikes and mushrooming. Please, no clear cutting!