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While I appreciate timber harvest and the stewardship of our lands for products that help Oregon people, a vital resource that also helps residents resides in the diversity of our wild spaces and the creatures that they support.

We are losing species that we don't even know about, which is a tragedy we all suffer. As an environmental scientist (graduate from the UO), it is heartbreaking to know that I'm raising my child in an Oregon and PNW that he'll never get to know if we continue current land use practices.

Networking with local community to find timberland valued benefits (from hunting and recreation to managed foraging spaces) creates amazing jobs as well as priceless life defining experiences. We reduce our world's worth when bills like this pass.

Please consider more vibrant and beneficial options over raw extraction profits.