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I live between two large industrial clearcuts, a forest prescription that should never be used in the thin soils and steep terrain of Southern Oregon. Clearcuts deplete the soil, destroy microorganisms that help plants grow, erode soils and harm watersheds, disrupt wildlife and otherwise create irreparable environments that will take decades to recover. The Oregon Forest Practices Act is good law, but it is applied statewide without recognizing the distinct biological regions of our State. The Coast Range should not be managed like Eastern Oregon, nor should Southern Oregon be managed like the Willamette Valley. Until the State recognizes these distinct bioregions, we will continue to fail to meet any goals of sustainability.