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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

HB 4105 would force the Department of Forestry to prioritize timber harvest over all other values on state forest land.

It would have a negative impact on clean drinking water, salmon and wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration and recreation.

The bill would undermine protection for 17 species of salmon and wildlife that are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act.

It would also undermine ODF's ability to implement its Climate Change and Carbon Plan (Climate Plan). HB 4105 requires a rule establishing 10-year harvest levels that would override the Climate Plan.

The harvest rule could also undermine the Governor's Executive Order 25-26 to preserve an additional 10% of Oregon's land and waters in ten years, with state forests leading by example.