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Living in Oregon for 30+ years I have seen how poor forest policy costs Oregonians:

- ODOT cleaning up after trees blow down into roads
- Water Districts and their rate payers having to clean up water filled with silt & chemicals from poor stream buffers and aerial spraying
- Land slides (like north of Lincoln City) due to logging on steep slopes that undermine lower lands and jeopardize peoples properties
- Forest fires due to slash burning

There is no permanent value when Oregonians are paying in 'unintended consequences' with their health and homes.