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I oppose HB 4105. Targeting our state forests for timber harvest for all intents and purposes means they will be used the same as private forests for profit and resource extraction. I live in the heart of private timberland and I can assure you that it is not what Oregonians want from their state forests. Short harvest cycles with much chaos and environmental destruction followed by replant monoculture accompanied by intensive herbicide applications. As a human being or any other animal you don't want to be near.

This cycle destroys habitat, contaminates soils and ground water, and endangers the survival of endangered species as well as all indigenous creatures. The facilitation of " farming our forest land " heavily modifies the natural biodiversity.

I have spent a considerable amount of time in the Shelburg and Silver Falls State Forests and to think of them becoming a financial vehicle for the timber industry saddens and sickens me. Please don't let HB 4105 become our future.

Thanks, Ronald W.Gillilan