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I strongly oppose mandating a timber cut on Oregon forests. The state is required to manage forests for their “greatest permanent value.” Mandating a cut will inevitably lead to the cutting of timber most profitable to those who are doing the cutting. This puts at serious risk the very forests that are most fire resilient and best at carbon storage, which directly contradicts the values outlined in the state’s Climate Plan. Our forests protect both water quantity and water quality, the health of wildlife dependent on intact forest ecosystems, and the health of the planet in the face of global warming, all of which provide much greater permanent value to the majority of residents of our state. Please follow guidelines that will benefit the ecosystems, air, and water on which we all depend rather than ensuring the right to destroy “liveability” in order to provide economic advantages to extractive industries.