

Good Afternoon all,  
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I am the president of Coos County Sheep Co, a small 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation tree farm just outside of Coos Bay. Coos County Sheep Company was started in 1935. Now, I know that the name Coos County Sheep Company doesn't make you think of timber, but to make a 90 year history very short the bears ate the sheep and the trees grew very well. Today we exclusively grow trees.

One of the best tools that we have in our tool belt is aerial herbicide. In the race to make the seedlings outrun grass and brush it is the most affective means to ensure a successful head start. In order to get aerial spraying done and greatly reduce the cost, we piggyback our spraying with the large timber owners that surround us. It is a great partnership between large and small woodland owners.

If SB892 passes it will become all but impossible for family forest owners to coordinate the aerial application of herbicides with neighbors and others. It will become out of reach for most.

The financial impact will be significant. Increasing the time between harvest is a step in the wrong direction for CCSC, Small woodland owners, our large tree farm neighbors and the state.

Thank you for your time.

Dustin Clarke