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I am writing to ask you to immediately make updating the Oregon Forest Practices Act top priority.

I moved here 15 years ago partly because of the beauty of the forests. Since then those forests and

that beauty has been degraded repeatedly, until today in some areas of the Coast, 82% of forests have

been clear cut, leaving "two trees and two logs per acre for the wildlife." Which is a pitiful number.

Our recreational, ecological and aesthetic environment is being stolen from us by the lumber industry,

which then turns around and adds insult to injury by poisoning the watersheds of people who live here!

Timber industries do not contribute to local livability, why reward them with the weakest environmental

guidelines of all western states? Please adopt Professor Talbert's guidelines in full.

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