

Dear Representative Holvey,

COPIES TO: Senator Betsy Johnson, Representative Brad Witt, Governor Kate Brown.

If you intend to kill the forestry business in the state of Oregon, HB 3226 will have the intended consequences in a few short years. This family owns 160 acres of forestland in rural Columbia County and we are responsible law-abiding managers who practice sustainable forestry without some one (the state) dictating to us and over regulating our business. We manage for not only wild life, but clean water, and timber production. In addition, we allow various types of recreation for those who are responsible and ask permission.

It's clear that requiring the old growth Douglas fir to be grown will create a burden to many forestland owners who may be limited to a single harvest in their lifetime. Investors would shy away from such an industry. Will the state reimburse landowners over the time when there is no possibility of any revenue? Remember Measure 37 and 49 which were passed by the Oregon voters who were aware that regulations denying property owners a fair return were patently unfair?

The buffer question has been thoroughly researched and some modifications have been made. Some have the erroneous concept that the shade "cools" the waters, but that is impossible. Any cooling is a result of infiltration of ground water at about 54 degree F. The shade simply reduces the warming effect of sunlight falling on the water. That sunlight is important, too, for photosynthesis to provide food and habitat for stream organisms.

As you are well aware, Oregon forestland owners contribute immensely to the values which Oregonians hold dear. You and I could list a host of these tangible and intangible values.

Frankly, there are a number of options for this family if this bill sees the light of day. We could harvest all of our commercial wood, we could sell, we could convert our land to agriculture land, we could remove all of our larger trees, we could harvest all of the 100 year old trees, etc. before the effective date of this bill.

Respectfully,
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