

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your hard work on protecting our beautiful Oregon resources. Even if some don't believe that climate change is happening and real, we ought to still treat our environment in the best possible way to ensure a stable life for future generations. Regulation needs to come from the state level to hold entities accountable for emissions.

As a farm owner, I've planted an orchard for our value added cider production with resilience for climate change in mind. Some of the things we did was planted on the contour of the slope, picked rootstock that could thrive without irrigation and are continuously adding more organic matter to improve water retention. Farmers know how sensitive agriculture is to climate and many are coming to realize that we need to do everything possible to protect our water, air and soil resources.

Corporations are often more concerned with their bottom line and dollar at the expense of citizens and the environment, it's time for some accountability from the state. It's time for Oregon to be a leader in protecting our environment and to recognize that protecting our resources IS protecting our jobs. Let's not sell out the long term resilience for the short term profits.

Thank you,

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