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As a long-time steward of Southern Oregon forests, I heartily encourage you to support these responsible measures for attaining the sustainability of Oregon's Western Forests. Clearcuts work in some parts of the U.S. I have yet to see one work well in the steep granitic soils of Southern Oregon. Resultant erosion, harshly exposed steep hillsides for up to ten years, and the higher susceptibility to catastrophic wildfire have resulted from clearcuts in Southern Oregon. The Legislature makes a wise choice to provide greater protection for Oregon's richest resource.