

Last summers wildfires were a wake up call to correct the imbalance in the biodiversity missing in the mono crop method of replanting private timberland. We need diversity in our forests! Our representatives need to act now to change the disastrous replanting process on private timber land. We should not have to suffer another summer of hideous unending smoke. As a native Oregonian, it angers me to hear the news blame mismanagement of federal and BLM lands. Plenty of evidence points to the problem -"fake forests". Industrialized timber landscapes, 1000s of acres planted entirely of Douglas fir. "Pitch forests," a disaster waiting to happen. It did.

OFRI supports and promotes this kind of forestry, using taxpayer money. OFRI is corrupt and OFRI needs to go.

A natural forest floor is blanketed with a variety of ferns, moss, mushrooms, deciduas trees, hardwoods, flora & fauna, that don't burn well.

This type of vegetation doesn't exist in private plantations. Industry, and OFRI's interest is \$\$\$\$\$. A natural forest floor is alive with thousands of multigenerational trees planted by nature. As the OFRI commercials boast about planting 100 trees for every one they cut down, they fail to mention the 1000s of naturally occurring forest vegetation that is entirely wiped out daily with their voracious clearcutting. Trees on private timber land are planted too close together, equal age & height, or, worse yet, stair stepped plantations next to each other. They aerial spray these "fake forests" with pesticides and herbicides (poison) preventing natural growth of any kind. Same-age trees standing too close together for either fire resilience or bird habitat. The aerial spraying rids the forests of massive numbers of insects needed for biodiversity in nature.

The industry has mismanaged their land to death. It is affecting EVERYONE, not just Oregonians. Something must to be done to correct this imbalance. If industry is allowed to go back and repeat this process, it is the definition of insanity. When trees are cut down before reaching the peak of their ability to absorb carbon, it stunts one of the state's biggest assets in combating climate change. The use of herbicide on clear-cuts and the lack of mature trees have deteriorated habitat for native songbirds on industrial private lands. Fact: Streams for salmon, other fish & for drinking is drying up because young forests use more water & lose more of it to evaporation.

It will take years to correct the imbalance in our forests, as this practice has been allowed for far too long, but something must be done. Industry needs to be held accountable & make changes going forward. OFRI needs to go.