

Dear Chair Nathanson & Revenue Committee Members: As a person of faith during this time of crisis, I am outraged that OFRI is abusing tax dollars  
distorting science, and helping to destroy our forests in the interest of clearcutting by Big Timber. This is WRONG: a misuse of State Funds, manipulation of information to lobby and influence children and citizens and a full fronted attack on the greatly helpful role of old growth timber in our ecosystem, especially during our crisis of climate warming. Moreover, OFRI executives lobbied legislators and university officials to undermine groundbreaking forest-climate research conducted by a team of scientists at Oregon State University's College of Forestry, with no legitimate factual basis for their attack. The provisions to make the new composition of OFRI responsive and accountable to Oregonians is a giant step in the right direction for correcting these past abuses of power. Thank you for your service to Oregonians and the Common Good.