

Talk About Trees receives most of their funding through OFRI. This funding makes it possible for high quality, engaging " tree talks" to be brought to rural classrooms at no cost to the districts. Each TAT facilitator has designated counties and visits with the schools year after year with a different set of programs for each grade. For a rural school that has an little or no field trip budget being able to bring in a "Tree Lady" is a really big deal. Talk About Trees helps to make science "real" as it relates to trees in a very approachable, interesting and fun way. I oppose this bill. The funding OFRI provides Talk About Trees makes possible an invaluable resource to our rural schools.