

Good Afternoon, I am writing to oppose HB 2357. Eliminating OFRI would be creating an extreme disservice to Oregonians who deserve forest education that is based on science and local knowledge. As a trained forester educated at Oregon State University, and having worked as a professional forester in Oregon, it is apparent that Oregonians need a way to access forest knowledge that is compiled within our state boundaries. With all the forest bias and environmental agendas found within our state and around the county it is more important than ever that Oregonians have facts about their forestlands. If you look at the groups who are supporting this bill, you will find groups that want to control the narrative on forestry and the environment. A one sided narrative is not the way to go. Eliminating a fact and science based group would be harmful to healthy discourse on forests.

Thank you,  
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