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I'm saddened to hear that a majority of influential environmental organizations have given their support for transmuting the Elliott State Forest into the Elliott State Research Forest, mostly because of why they've capitulated: the timber industry is powerful; the money runs deep; any inch they give is an inch they may never give again, so we take it. However, considering the current climate crisis and the invaluable role the Elliott State Forest has in healing the deteriorating condition of the West Coast (and the world), we should be the ones giving inches, although now, we can't afford to give even one. Find a way to pay for Oregon schools that doesn't involve cutting down a forest. Do not support Senate Bill 1546.

-Nic Tarter