

Submitter: NW Coastal Range

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HB 2245 HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LAND USE,
NATURAL RESOURCES, AND WATER

Is HB 2245 a match requisite for the federal forestry management dollars appropriated by 117th U.S. Congress? Or was there no such stipulation in the federal law for the private corporate forestry owners so the Oregon Legislature thought would be generous Oregon taxpayer funds and bring tax breaks to corporate timber companies and the lumber mill industry conglomerates?

Better solution? May be to give tax incentives to small tract landowners, i.e. tree stand growers the tax credit and spread the carbon sequestration throughout the state. Another area in need of tax incentives is the small tract landowner, i.e. tree stand growers cannot necessarily be able to afford the maintenance of the the understory brush removal and lower limb removal of the trees, so a wildfire does not move into the crown of the tree stand and wildfire does not jump from tree to tree. The small tract landowners, i.e. tree stand growers sometimes do not have the revenue stream that these big timber/lumber conglomerates sometimes reporting millions/billions of net profits.

Transfer of taxpayer funds to the wealthy timber barren companies and out of state/foreign investment funds timber land holders, is such a political move that all of America's citizens are fed-up with, legislators cavalier actions now lead to future padding of politicians campaign war chest or possibly the promises for the campaign money you have already thrown into ring to get elected to the seat legislators hold now.