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The rural communities have had to take care of the forest land in order to produce products to drive the economies of the State of Oregon. Since the Spotted Owl regulations and other species, the logging industry is doing a magnificent job at protecting the environment and private landowners as well as timber companies are going to have even more stricter rule concerning water resources in 2024. These creek stream regulations will reduce the timber volume harvested, even though the costs for growing the stream and creek riparian area are solely paid for by landowners. We need to leave the decisions for balancing the public utility's costs & environment cost to the rural counties, their livelihoods depend on making the right decisions in these areas. Thank you, Bill Hales, Timberland owner.