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It is way past time that the counties manage their land. The people living in these areas know what it takes to take care of the land in their borders. Someone from Portland portraying their knowledge of ranches, farms, our BLM ground and forests is totally wrong. I look at the neglect in our forests especially you can't even walk through them. Nothing grows. Saying to burn it just burn it killing everything in its path above and below the ground and in our streams. Then wanting to declare endangered species burned up in fires set in careless manner. Burning forests causes horrible consequences many nothing comes back for many years because they burn so hot. Go to Canyon City and drive from Hereford to Highway 7 and look at the black remains. So someone tell me why it is better to burn? It changes our weather patterns and pollutes the air at times our waterways. I realize there will always be fires you can not stop all of them. Making fire fighting a big money maker for so many when these counties could be harvesting lumber producing positive output. We can't burn our wood stoves and fireplaces but we can burn our forests all summer. Cut lumber, allow people to utilize the wood too small for the mills for heat. There would be much less pollution than burning these forests. My suggestion for these special interest groups look in your neighborhood to see if you can help there. Allow our county commissioners to do their jobs in their counties. Allow these small towns to have an income source. Income from cutting lumber helped maintain our camp grounds. Prosper Oregon