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On Behalf
Of:

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Water

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I oppose this bill because it would undermine the meaning of Greatest Permanent Value for our state forests and lead to an increase in clear cut logging. The Board of Forestry has done a ton of good work to move the state forests towards a model where they will work to fight climate change through carbon sequestration and fight extinction through providing important habitat for several endangered species including salmonids. This bill would undermine those efforts and define the primary purpose of the state forest to be lumber production. Surveys of Oregonians have shown that residents value these forests for clean water, healthy fish populations, and recreation. Don't let these important interests be flattened by the timber industry.