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WE need this in Clallam county where corporate timber is clearcutting daily and the state managed lands take up the entire burden of funding these necessary fire services and watershed safety. Big timber gets to sell internationally at the highest price and we are left with the fall out and the burden placed upon an already struggling economy to support local mill jobs and fund services like fire. In late 2022 an entire sale of mature older forest, 200 acres called the Aldwell, located in our Ewlha watershed, the only water supply to Port Angeles, was auctioned and the millions went straight to fire district 2. WHY??? Because the Jr Taxing districts require we fund these essential services with our State managed forests and State law requires that no state managed lands be able to sell internationally which we all know is much more profitable, leaving the burden on a county that has a low tax base and financial hardships to begin with. This sale was right along the largest Dam removal site in Federal history, until recently. over \$330 million in federal tax dollars, and they still logged this very important and valuable natural resource in the middle of winter to ensure the funding of local jobs, fire services at the detriment of summer stream flows and a working natural climate solution. If Big Timber has to responsibility to sell within our state, then taxing them is the best solution.