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Are you kidding me!? More attack on rural Oregonians from Senator Golden and his disdain for those who don't live in cities! SHAME ON SENATOR GOLDEN for continuing to PUNISH Rural Oregonians with his obsession to penalize us and save face for his FAILED SB 762 Wildfire Hazard and Urban Interface Classification Map.

Senator Goldens Wildfire Map is not only a failure it punishes those who live in rural Oregon. It is not our fault for the wildfires, which are growing more intense and destructive. It is the fault of the state and the federal government for not managing our precious forests. It's their fault our forests are filled with combustible fuels and overgrowth. Our government has created a problem that has literally KILLED people. This needs to stop! It is not our fault the forests burn, we are the ones punished. Of every rural Oregonian 'hardened' their properties, it would do little to stop wildfires. The government made the horrible policies that have lead to fires ravaging our forests, communities, killing people and wildlife and polluting our air and water - we should not be made the scapegoat for their failed policies.

We know how to manage our forests sustainably that will return them to healthy forests resilient to fire, bug infestation, disease, and drought. Let's manage our forests which would not only make them healthy, the revenue generated used to and could again fund ODF, our counties, schools and create jobs and businesses which also generate income to put back in our treasury instead of sucking it dry year after year!

Come on Golden - your failed legislation and bruised ego should NOT punish rural Oregonians! Get over yourself! Why not try and help rural Oregonians by supporting active forest management, reduce forest fuel loads, create jobs and revenue and MITIGATE forest fires!!

Sincerely and with grave concern,
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