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I sit here at my little farm and look around me at all the burned and bug killed timber within a mile of me. Why, mismanagement of our forest land.

I build furniture for ski resorts in Oregon. My lumber costs have gone up by about 75% over last summer. My clients cannot withstand much more. I purchased a load of Canadian lumber. It's the least expensive I can find. Here in Oregon. Trees everywhere, yet I have to buy Canadian lumber. It's not right.

Oregon should be a model for other State's to follow. We should sustainably log our forests at all levels. It will reduce fire danger, increase jobs, decrease the cost of lumber, and add far more to the State coffers than solely taxing the harvest.

I am opposed to any new tax on the lumber industry. Make it stop for God sake.