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I strongly support HB3489. REITS and Wall Street should be made to pay for their mis-management and destruction of our--Oregon's--soil table mycorrhizae, and the trees that support this foundation of all living systems. After a forest is cut, some trees may be able to grow again for a time--but eventually the soil will be so degraded that no trees will grow--ever again. Scientists have demonstrated this, in many barren areas of our planet.

When implemented, this bill WILL NOT raise taxes on "the little guys." It will ensure that the big guys pay their share, and may promote better practices for timber use. And finally, by the way--there's no inherent right to make money "any way we want." Good societies have always drawn lines separating the proper and improper ways to make a buck. Ruining the ecosystem for everyone is never a proper way to pile up wealth. Let's start recognizing this little fact.