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HB4134

Live in southwest Portland, a tax payer and one of many concerned citizens who couldn't make it there because of work responsibilities.

I'm requesting you maintain your efforts to support the natural world, protect communities, clean drinking water, clean air and recreational opportunities by stopping clear cuts in state and federal lands in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. Big fan of the boost to spirit when I hike into one of these amazing places. One time I remember being in area of Mount Hood, believe it was Big Bottom Roadless, it was with a young Fernandez on an Oregon Wild excursion, 95 degrees crossing river, it's hot out. Once forty to a hundred feet or so from the river, beneath the canopy there's noticeable cooler temperatures because of multiple canopies among other factors.. We were looking for a small stand of enormous trees, along the way there were multiple amazing incidents.

From walking on areas where the moss or decomposed materials was so thick it was nearly mattress like, yet totally alive. A remarkably fertile existence and experience. Another incident where cool air was experienced pumping out of the base of a live tree, not sure if was wind off an old hollowed out critter condo nearby or combined from an underground exhale stream but it was truly natural air conditioning and it was noticeable. I would say fifteen- twenty degrees cooler, so cool. We need to protect these areas especially from this administration and for good, yes for good as in permanently.

Please recognize these areas are some of the last remaining from our creator. Our government does not have the right to extinguish natural diversity for their shallow and shortsighted greed. Please respect Mother Nature and the diversity of God's creations by supporting HB4134. Thank you.