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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water  
Measure, Appointment or HB4105  
Topic:

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, and Members of the Committee,

State forests are a critical piece in our wild lands landscape. As the federal government relaxes protections on federal lands and increases logging on federal lands, the states need to increase protections on state lands not loosen them. Otherwise, we will be in a sorry state when it comes to protecting nature and wildlife.

I oppose House Bill 4105 and its amendments. This timber industry bill undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage.

I urge you to oppose this bill. Instead, I encourage this committee to focus on measures that would increase carbon storage in our state forests and safeguard our public resources for our children and future generations.

Please don't let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely, Christine Psyk