

Dear Committee Members, I am writing in opposition to H 8152, the Forest Parity Act, which would expand the Timber industry in the state by making it more profitable to clearcut forests on both public and private land, including for solar.

H 8152 removes the use and sales tax on forest product equipment including chainsaws, logging trucks, sawmills, etc.

H 8152 would also expand the zoning of where logging can take place to all zoning districts.

Destructive logging destroys biodiversity, spreads invasive species, creates tick habitat, releases most of the carbon stored in a forest into the atmosphere as air pollution contributing to Climate Change, and creates a fire hazard.

Logging destroys cool, damp forests and replaces it with dry forests filled with invasive underbrush and flammable wood slash on the forest floor.

H 8152 would also endanger people's lives by the increased logging creating a more fire prone landscape.

Please do not pass this un-environmental bill.

Old growth trees seed the forrests. The logging industry wants to cut the old-growth trees because this is where the money is! If any trees are to be cut diwn in our state forests they should be secondary growth trees! This clearcutting under the guise of " fighting forrest fires" is a scam!

<https://insideclimateneews.org/news/04042025/trump-administration-public-forest-emergency/>

The most destructive fires in modern history—the Camp Fire, Marshall Fire, Lahaina, Talent and Phoenix, Paradise—were not stopped by thinning, fuel breaks, highways, or previously treated forests. They were wind-driven ember storms that ignited homes, then turned neighborhoods into fuel,” he said. “This challenges a rule that was used to support a legacy approach that clearly isn’t working.”

<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2026/01/oregon-district-court-logging-rule-clearcutting-thinning-forests-wildfire-mitigation-ce6/>

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