

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



to cut down by March 18. I urge everyone to phone the Urban Forestry Office at 682-4800 to voice your concerns.

Planet Glassberg
Eugene

SELLING THE ELLIOTT

I received an odd piece of mail recently, a sales brochure trying to get me to buy a chunk of our publicly owned state forests! Turns out Gov. John Kitzhaber and Secretary of State Kate Brown are facilitating the auction and privatization of 2,700 acres of the Elliott State Forest, presumably to avoid protecting the threatened marbled murrelet as well as threatened salmon runs.

Ancient forest ecosystems like the Elliott Forest just east of Reedsport and Coos Bay store more than 300 tons of carbon per acre, and if left standing for another 50 years could store more than 500 tons of carbon per acre. This is not to mention the mature forest's ability to provide the highest quality habitat for endangered species like the marbled murrelet, northern spotted owl and Coho salmon.

Add the benefits of increases in water catchment from fog and drizzle, as well as filtration, storage and erosion control

as the forest ages, and you'll come to realize that no technology created by man can remotely compare to what our ancient forests do for free.

Kitzhaber, Brown or any politician should not be allowed to auction off and privatize the publicly owned Elliott State Forest to fatten the bank accounts of the wealthiest families in Oregon.

Jim Flynn
Springfield

TOPPING IS FOR PIZZA

In one unusual ice storm, the minds of a lot of people raised the perception on trees from graceful beings shading our town to likely dangerous entities to be removed before doing more damage.

One main problem happening after such an event is the classic human desire to make things "safer" by reducing the size of a tree by one-third or sometimes more. This is called topping and it is wrong for a few reasons, one of which I want to mention because it relates to what just happened.

The majority of the damaged trees I inspected after the ice storm had large broken branches that grew after the tree was topped in the past. Topping only reduces risks for a few years, but it creates

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