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Dear Board:

Please do not weaken conservation protection in the new Forest Management Plan. Conservation values and principles have never been more important in this time of increasing climate change and environmental degradation.

I am extremely concerned about the pressure to continue a high level of timber harvest, with 98% of ODF's revenue from such cuts. This business model is not sustainable, and is wrong from an environmental perspective. A more diversified revenue stream makes more sense in 2018.

This intensive cut philosophy seems mired in the mythology of another time when Oregon forests were not considered a significant element in our country's fight against climate change. We need the plan to recognize the role of forest carbon sequestration, and have the ODF plan recognize and plan for how our state forests can help mitigate global warming.

I continue to also be concerned about how crucial habitats and species diversity will be threatened by such high logging levels.

I can't end this letter without acknowledging that I hate the Oregon Forest Resources Institute ads. They just seem like a con job focused on continuing in the public's mind certain myths and distortions about the Oregon lumber industry that are no longer accurate (if they ever were).

Sincerely,

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