

Hello, I would like to submit a comment for the July 24th Board of Forestry meeting. My comment is in reference to any revisions being made to the Forest Management Plan. I moved to the Oregon Coast from Illinois last fall. When people ask me why I moved here, my answer is usually: "because of the trees." I fell in love with the natural beauty of this state when I came out to visit last summer. I care deeply for the forests of this area and am also extremely concerned about them. I see majestic beauty all around me, but I also see great destruction due to all the clear-cutting in our state forests. I don't believe that the Oregon Board of Forestry is doing enough to protect our treasured forests. The Forest Management Plan needs to explicitly state its commitment to both recovering threatened and endangered species and its commitment to carbon sequestration because of the threat of climate change. ODF needs a more diverse revenue source, not just from timber sales. ODF's current business model is killing our forests. Lastly, the FMP needs to pursue a Habitat Conservation Plan. The FMP and an HCP must go together. Please use your power to save our forests. Citizens like myself are heartbroken and deeply disturbed with the way our forests are being destroyed and the impact of this on wildlife.

Thank you,
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