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Dear Chair Kelly and Members of the Board of Forestry,

Thank you for supporting the completion of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for Western Oregon state forests. I'm writing to ask you to continue this work by adopting a new forest management plan for Oregon's state forests. This includes implementing a strong HCP and the Climate Change and Carbon Plan (Climate Plan), adopted by the Board of Forestry in 2021, with proactive measures to address climate change.

The HCP will begin to restore balance to our state forests after decades of clearcuts and over-harvest. The HCP will protect iconic salmon runs, wildlife habitat, recreation, and clean water by limiting or prohibiting timber harvest within established conservation areas. However, the remainder of state forest should not be managed like private industrial forest land with short harvest rotations that maximize revenue.

The new forest management plan must be supported by the best science available, to meet the challenges posed by climate change. This includes increasing protective stream buffers on headwater streams to protect cold clean water for salmon, and implementing the Climate Plan to increase carbon absorption and storage in our state forests. This can be achieved by reducing clearcut timber harvest, protecting existing mature stands of forest, applying ecological forest management practices, and establishing longer rotations between harvest to increase carbon storage.

The HCP and new forest management plan would continue to produce revenue from state forest timber sales to fund the Department of Forestry and county services, but this is an unreliable and unsustainable approach. I support efforts to diversify revenue sources for both the Department of Forestry and local services, to relieve the pressure to over-harvest public forests and provide more stable funding.

Now is the time to stand tall for Oregon's state forests, and for current and future generations, by adopting a strong HCP and a new forest management plan.

Sincerely,

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| Subject  | General                                                             |
| Comments | Please adopt the Forest Management Plan! Best, Kate and Max Gessert |

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| Subject  | Forest Management Plan                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Comments | We encourage you to adopt the fastest management plan and make the necessary improvements to strengthen forest protection. Please consider this as a duty for the many future generations of Oregonians. |

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| Subject  | General                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Comments | I highly urge the BOF to adopt the FMP. In the spring the BoF voted to advance a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the Northwest Area forests. The HCP and the FMP compliment each other and will determine the future management of coastal state forests. We need to protect our natural areas. Oregon forests need to be protected and I believe this plan advances that. Please do not let special interests mess with our public lands. |

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Dear Board members:

Please consider adding a new principle: to protect \*water\* and riverine habitat. A very good way to prevent forest fires is to make sure the rain that falls stays on the land. In order to do that, we need to slow down water runoff & protect habitats that drain into rivers and streams, especially downslope from clear cuts, where water runoff will be fierce. If water infiltrates into the local soil, it collects underground, providing important dry season irrigation, keeping trees moist and resilient. Additional positive effects of this is to create wildlife habitat and to fill wells and reservoirs in the area. Trees are important, but water is the invisible superpower of our forests.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Angela Zehava