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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
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Dear Members Board of Forestry,

My husband is a career logger. I myself am from Montana.
I was raised on a 4 section cattle ranch with timber. Part of our caring for our timber was logging and thinning, cleaning out the under brush help prevent major fire on our land.
I think it is no secret that the environmental push to 'Lock up land' is entirely based in big money, big corporations and not a quest to protect resources.
My husband and I attended a hearing at the capitol and in walks organizers with a bus load of Kids, passed out teeshirt proclaiming a future they in no way can predict and flooded the hearing.
This is what OREGONIANS are fighting. The little man can not fight this and that seems to be the plan. Screw the little folks, the small business owners, these people aren't smart enough to know what's best. I can say with complete confidence that what big money and big selective science environmentalist will never be good for is the people, the land nor the future.
The Loggers are the Stewards of the land. With management of land and national forest lands, Oregon could prosper and keep the land healthy and available to the People.
We have to quit playing the corporate/ environmental game masked in care and consideration.
By allowing the environmentalist to study Oregon's sealion vs fish, they wasted valuable time and has decimated the salmon.
Let's drop the games and get back to being people not corporations.
Money is the root of all evil.
Thanks for listening.

I understand that you're in the process of making a Habitat Conservation Plan for our state forests that could impact western Oregon communities for decades to come. This is an immensely important decision, and I'm writing today to ask you to make sure that this plan ensures reasonable and reliable timber harvest.

The Oregon Department of Forestry has already reduced harvest levels to the point where there is not enough revenue to manage and protect our state forests. What's more, the Oregon Department of Forestry faces severe cash problems and the current plan would make it more reliant on our public tax dollars to stay afloat. Why would you consider a plan that dramatically decreases harvest and makes these problems worse?

Please protect our rural communities that rely on harvests from state forests for critical forestry and mill jobs.

Don't make a plan that decreases active management of our forests, putting jobs at risk and increasing the risk of catastrophic wildfires that put the health of firefighters and communities in peril.

Now is not the time to reduce harvest, cut jobs, and decrease revenue from state forests.

I appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

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