From: Peggy Carlson
To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
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Dear Members Board of Forestry,

I am 60 years old and have lived in or near forested land most of it. I have watched our forest go from maintained and harvested properly to the diabolical deterioration of them we have today. Graze it, log it, or let it burn is the mantra if today ... yes, I believe it as truth.. visual real truth!!

I think that the hypocrisy of this whole thing is it won't be the citizens or voters in Oregon who decide. The Governor has already made known her decision and now wants everyone to follow suit to her plans. The thing is - our livelihood in Oregon is Forest, agriculture, fisheries, and other - not vice versa. Without them we fail as sustainable thriving communities and our states validity in commerce world wide.
I personally am concerned to see the trend to close up major areas of firest lands... will the state then believe they can sell to whatever country or subsidiary pieces of our state like Terra del Mar and facebook drilling???? Have you seen that yet- where was our public beach law on that one????? Just a slight over step - Not Likely!!!

Greed and the untapped fortunes of the rich and power hungry is behind this I believe.

Please choose our sustainable forest and keep it open to the appropriate forest management we have always utilized.

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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