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To:	ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
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Dear Board Member Board of Forestry,

I understand that you're in the process of making a Habitat Conservation Plan for our state forests that could have an impact on 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 I worked in State Forestry, Logging and USFS from 1976- 2003, degree in Forestry! Also I was raised in Ukiah where my father was a logger and Grandfather started as a horse logger then went to USFS where he packed horses to fire, also did thinning etc.

So here is my experience, when my father was called to fight fires in the 60's, people that worked in the woods got paid $1 a day and a paper sleeping bag, everyone was expected to participate as a service to the country! Fires were small!

I started at State Forestry where we had cooperation with private landowners where we paid 1/2 of their thinning costs! To this date I don't recall ever having a fire in those areas!

Then I was a lookout, the spotter planes flew 2-3 times a day, generally we got them at 5 acres, 50 acres was Large and rarely we had 100 acre fires!

Then worked for Boise cascade in timber, we took out Unhealthy and bug infested trees, leaving a beautiful forest of several ages and species to protect it from disease which also protected it from fires! All the time we had the areas grazed by cattle ranchers and sheep by Basque sheepherders! I then worked in the early 80's for AOL (Associated Oregon Loggers) where logging was getting up to date with line machines etc, very environmentally safe! Then

I appreciate your help,
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