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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: HCP Board Decision: Comment on Habitat Conservation Plan
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Dear Board Member Board of Forestry,

I'm writing today to ask you to make sure that the Habitat Conservation 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 respond with your comments if so.

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. WE NEED FORESTRY HELP / MANAGEMENT NOW MORE THAN EVER!

I appreciate your help,
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