From: Lisa Mattes
To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
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Dear Members Board of Forestry,

Unfortunately, this is not a plan developed by Conservationists. This is a plan driven by a political agenda. If one recalls what happened during the last effort to shut down managed forests during the Northern Spotted Owl debacle, one should remember the devastation that ensued with our economy. We witnessed the devestsion of a society that depended on timber related jobs.
We can I'll afford such anarchy again. These forests are planted to produce!!! Please consider the devestsion that will ensure if 20 to 30% of timber production is halted. Bottom line....It's not necessary and it's not needed.

Our state needs a Habitat Conservation Plan that protects family-wage jobs, keeps providing fiber for local mills, and invests in healthy forest management that reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire. We do not need a plan that puts 10s of thousands of acres off-limits to harvest and forfeits millions of dollars in timber revenues that our communities need. Especially now.

Please make sure that you endorse a plan includes things like effective reforestation tools, controlled burns, and smart, science-based forestry.

Please do the right thing. Please make sure you keep in mind that the long-term impacts of this plan. The future our communities rely on making sure a Habitat Conservation Plan on our state forests protects critical jobs and a sustainable fiber supply. We need our state to do everything it can to protect jobs and provide revenue for the economy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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