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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 forests.
This problem became a reality just recently. Look at Mill city, Detroit, talent,Phoenix the list goes on and on. If we do not manage our forests thin the timber, get rid of the underbrush. We will continue to have these catastrophic fires as we've just witnessed in this year 2020.
Also a change in firefighting tactics and procedures needs to be addressed. When we know a lightning strike or a human error starts a fire. We shouldn't sit and let it smolder and burn for three weeks to a month before we have a catastrophe like we just had. Arguing over whether it's BLM land or forest service ground doesn't solve the problem. We've had massive structure home business losses due to this fire. We've had people lose their lives due to this fire. I personally feel there should be criminal charges against those that did not take this fire seriously and put it out. It's a travesty that our government and bureaucracy has gotten this bloated that theycan't serve the people who pay the taxes and provide these jobs. The government works for us we don't work for the government.
Please review your policies and management plans, before we have more loss of life, home and business in the state of Oregon.

I appreciate your help,
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