From: Candace Dennis
To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: Don"t make the problem worse
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Dear Members Board of Forestry,

I would think you being the forestry department knows the importance of logging. Not only to keep the forest healthy and to help manage the problem of forest fires but to keep underbrush to a minimum. If this is pushed through there will be devastating effects on rural communities, this seems to be an attempt to control people and reduce rural areas, turn them into welfare dependent groups. Who's going to pay for the people needing help if this happens or is it you don't care. I come from a logging family, I know how things have changed in forestry management. There is no reason to reduce logging and create a reserve other than to ruin lives. There is no more need for conjured habitat!

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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