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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: This proposed HCP will endanger Oregonians economically and physically.
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Dear Members Board of Forestry,

I have been in the woods for a variety of reasons for 75 years. To place 300,000 acres in a nature preserve is at best foolhearty. From our original native indigenous populations to modern forest management practices we know we need sound conservation practices not preserves.

Our state needs a HCP that provides viable forest lands, protects family-wage jobs, prov-ides 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 300,000 acres off-limits to harvest and forfeits millions of dollars in timber revenues that our communities need. Currently massive US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management timberlands are off-limits for harvest, creating conditions that have caused and explosion of environmentally devastating, uncontrolled wildfires. These policies have also devasted hard-working families and have led them into a downward spiral. To put our state lands off-limits would be inhumane. Please respond to local Oregonians not guilt ridden trust fund folks from distant lands. I was on the team that created the first HCP ever adopted and put into place in the US. This proposed HCP is simply a veiled attempt to lock the folks out of their land. Thank you.

Instead, endorse a plan that includes effective reforestation tools, controlled burns, and smart, science-based forestry.

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.

Sincerely,

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