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Dear Board Member Board of Forestry,

I understand you are considering a Habitat Conservation Plan that aims to provide conservation benefits while also creating regulatory assurance and long-term certainty for our state forests.

I support this idea, but the current draft plan is going in the wrong direction. It's more restrictive than any other HCP in the west and goes way beyond what is necessary to protect sensitive species. Data indicates most of the sensitive species this plan hopes to protect do not need this level of protection – so why are we giving up so much?

Our state forests are an important renewable resource that provide critical revenue for our schools, libraries, sheriff deputies and other local services. Please don't put those services in jeopardy to create a level of conservation that these species don't even need.

Furthermore, this plan will increase the Oregon Department of Forestry's reliance on our public tax dollars to operate. At a time when our state is already making deep budget cuts, why in the world would you decrease revenue for a state agency and make our state pick up the tab?
Please do the right thing and guide this HCP in a more balanced direction.

Thank you.

Regards,
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