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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: HCP shouldn"t put our jobs and local services at risk
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Dear Members Board of Forestry,

I love animals and nature more than many. Shutting down our forests in the name of nature reserve, is counter productive. When our forests aren't managed, in a balanced way, these habitats become vulnerable to wild fires. That goes against the very thing nature reserves are supposed to accomplish. . I want these habitats preserved. And our communities supported with timber harvesting which is part of a balanced management plan! Our forests are suffering from over crowding which is caused by a lack of proper management. . Just look up. See the browning. Trees are dying! We have come a long way! We know how to both manage and preserve our forest habitats.

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 that includes things like effective reforestation tools 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 while at the same time, preserving our forests!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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