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To:	ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
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Dear Members of the Oregon Board of Forestry,

I write today to encourage you to continue pursuing a Habitat Conservation Plan for Western Oregon's state forests. In its current form, the draft Habitat Conservation Plan covers about 640,000 acres of Oregon forests and includes conservation strategies for listed species like at-risk Oregon Coast Coho Salmon. Forestry practices and inadequate stream protections on state forest lands were a primary factor in the federal government's decision to list Oregon Coast Coho Salmon as threatened with extinction. The ongoing clearcutting of steep, landslide-prone slopes and lack of sufficient stream buffers continues to impede the recovery of abundant, wild salmon and steelhead throughout the streams of Oregon's northern coast range. It's time to forge a new future for our state forest lands—a future that enables our fish and wildlife to flourish and provides value to all Oregonians!

Sincerely,
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