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To: ODF_DL_Board of Forestry
Subject: HCP Board Decision: Worried for our state's economy
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Dear Board of Forestry,

I'm an Oregonian and I'm worried about our state's economy.

That's why I'm writing to ask that you protect Oregon's forest industry and 60,000 family-wage jobs Oregonians need now more than ever.

Why would the Board of Forestry even consider a state Habitat Conservation Plan that does not reflect any concern or understanding of rural counties' financial condition or needs?

Please remember the mill workers who count on fiber from state forests. Please remember that rural communities in western Oregon rely upon the revenues from timber harvests to fund schools, libraries and other critical services. Please do the right thing.

Let's manage our forests with our children and grandchildren in mind – making sure our forests and the communities nearby will be healthy and thriving decades from now.

The recreation portion does not address the toxic metals that are building up in their shooting lanes, i.e. bullets, lead, copper, steel, plastic waste.

Recreation in general is a net revenue loss for the ODF. Increasing the amount of recreational facilities will contribute to a further loss of revenue for the ODF.

Barred owl removal to support northern spotted owls is not sustainable in any fashion. It doesn't make sense and has no logical conclusion other than continued artificial support forever.

The estimate of support staff to support the HCP is grossly underrated since it will take the efforts of all the individual district state forest staffs to supply the necessary data for the annual, 5 and 10 year reports.

There is no economic analysis for any other alternative to show the opportunity cost or benefit of the HCP. How can anyone pass the red-face test that this is the best solution when it is the only one being presented.

Someone might want to consult with the other companies that have HCPs, since they actually have to pay the Services to review the annual and other periodic reports. That winds up being some serious money over the projected 70 year span of this HCP.

Thank you,