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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 grew up on the edge of the Elliott State Forest. I have worked for over 37 years for a road building company in both the Elliott and on private lands. I have personally seen the positive effects of the Northwest Forest Plan. Stream enhancements and specie awareness are already helping to protect the various natural inhabitants.
Creating nature reserves just ties up more usable forestland and the Elliott was meant to provide timber and school revenues.
And that is what it needs to do again.

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 includes things like effective reforestation tools, controlled burns, 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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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